

Workshop on Copulas

Bologna 13-14 March 2014

Via Cartoleria, 5 – Sala Convegni

13th March, Thursday

9 00 - Welcome

Invited speaker

9 30 - 10 30 **Andrea Moro**, IUSS Pavia - "Disentangling the copulas across history"

Theoretical and formal approaches. Chair: Tonjes Veenstra

1) 10 30 - 11 00 - **Elly van Gelderen**, Arizona State University - "The Copula cycle"

2) 11 00 - 11 30 - **Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, Susana Bejar**, University of Toronto - "Non-canonical agreement in copular contexts: inversion vs. phi-sensitivity"

11 30 - 12 00 - Coffee break

3) 12 00 - 12 30 - **Monica-Alexandrina Irimia & Nicolas Welch**, University of Toronto - "Three way splits in copular structures"

Acquisition of copulas. Chair: Maria Mazzoli

4) 12 30 - 13 00 - **Ekaterina Golovko**, Università di Bologna - "Patterns of acquisition of the verb to be and of copular sentences: Evidence from Italian L2"

13 00 - 14 30 - Lunch

5) 14 30 - 15 00 - **Giuliano Bernini, Ada Valentini, Roberta Grassi, Jacopo Saturno**, Università di Bergamo - "L'inizio di una L2: strutture copulari tra input e output"

6) 15 00 - 15 30 - **Manuela Pinto & Alexia Guerra Rivera**, Utrecht University & Universidad Austral de Chile - "The role of Aspect in L2 acquisition of 'ser' and 'estar'"

Typological description of copular systems. Chair: Monica Irimia

7) 15 30 - 16 00 - **Nina Sumbatova**, RGGU, Moscow - "Two types of copulas in Dargwa: functions and syntax"

16 00 - 16 30 - Coffee Break

8) 16 30 - 17 00 - **Valentin Vydrine**, INALCO – LLACAN, CNRS UMR-8135 - "Pronominal predicative markers and other copula-like elements in Dan"

9) 17 00 - 17 30 - **Maarten Mous**, University of Leiden - "Copula in every Iraqw sentence"

10) 17 30 - 18 00 - **Francesco Grande**, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia - "Copulae in the Nominal Domain. Distributional Evidence from Classical Arabic"

14th March, Friday

Invited speaker

9 00 - 10 00 **Alessandro Panunzi**, Università di Firenze - "The semantics of being"

Creoles & Language contact. Chair: Ekaterina Golovko

11) 10 00 - 10 30 - **Maria Mazzoli**, Università di Bologna, Università e-Campus - Birth of a copula in Nigerian Pidgin.

12) 10 30 - 11 00 - **Tonjes Veenstra**, ZAS Berlin - "The copular system in Saramaccan. Synchronic and diachronic issues"

11 00 - 11 30 - Coffee break

13) 11 30 - 12 00 - **Tridha Chatterjee & Marlyse Baptista**, University of Michigan - "The case of Copular Predicates in Bengali: Contact-induced change in Bengali?"

14) 12 00 - 12 30 - **Chiara Truppi**, Humboldt Universität, Berlin - "The null/overt copula in creoles: the case of Guinea-Bissau Creole"

15) 12 30 - 13 00 - **Sabriya Fisher**, University of Pennsylvania - "Evidence for a copula continuum: the case of pronominal copulas"

13 00 - 14 30 - Lunch

Spanish. Chair: Monica Irimia

16) 14 30 - 15 00 - **Francesco-Alessio Ursini**, Stockholm Universitet - "On the distribution of copulae and auxiliary verbs in Spanish"

17) 15 00 - 15 30 - **Federico Silvagni**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - "On the aspectual nature of Spanish copulas"

Slavic languages. Chair: Federico Silvagni

18) 15 30 - 16 00 **Alexander Letuchiy**, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow - "Differences between zero copulas and lexical verbs"

16 00 - 16 30 - Coffee break

19) 16 30 - 17 00 - **Anna Bondaruk**, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland - "Why does Polish have three types of predicational clauses?"

20) 17 00 - 17 30 - **Hagen Pitsch**, Georg August Universität Göttingen, Germany - "In favor of an abstract copula in Russian"

17 30 - 18 30 - Discussion and summary of the most relevant issues emerged during the workshop. Conductors: **Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, Ekaterina Golovko and Maria Mazzoli.**



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