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New publication in the department (December 9, 2019)

Éva Kardos publishes in the journal Acta Linguistica Academica on the semantics of creation/consumption predicates in English and Hungarian.

The title and abstract of the paper: [Situation aspectual properties of creation/consumption predicates](#)

This paper is concerned with the situation aspectual properties of creation and consumption verbs. More specifically, it aims to explore how telic interpretations arise in this verbal domain. The analysis which is couched in a scalar semantic framework will focus on how created/consumed themes contribute telicity given the unique, verb-mediated relationship that obtains between these themes and the scales of creation/consumption verbs. Although it is Hungarian verbs that constitute the main data set of this study, examples from English and some other languages will also be discussed for crosslinguistic comparison.

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Students' conference presentations (2 December, 2019)

Our students - Christina Hodeib, Viktória Virovec and Anna Julia Ware - gave talks at the 23rd Graduate Conference in Linguistics at the University of Szeged on November 28-29, 2019. For more information about the conference, please click [this link](#)

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Júlia Keresztes's PhD-defence (15 November, 2019)

Júlia Keresztes has successfully defended her PhD-thesis titled "[Pied-piping in Hungarian – an experimental investigation on the restrictions on pied-piping in Hungarian A-bar movements](#)". on 14th November, 2019 at Pázmány Péter Catholic University. Congratulations!

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Invited talk by Kata Wohlmuth (7 November, 2019)

Kata Wohlmuth (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona) has given a talk at DEL on November 6, 2019.

Title: Exploring the meaning of Hungarian reduplicated numerals

Abstract: In this talk, I will discuss some novel data with Hungarian reduplicated numerals that show that the meaning of these elements cannot be captured in terms of distributivity – where distributivity is understood as a relation between sets of entities –, contrary to what previous analyses suggest. I will argue that Hungarian reduplicated numerals are a special class of

numerals that provide the cardinality of entities in different sets (Distributive Counting Hypothesis), and I will sketch out a formalization of this intuition.

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Júlia Keresztes's conference participation (19 October, 2019)

Júlia Keresztes gave a talk at the conference Linguistics Beyond and Within held at John Paul II Catholic University at Lublin, Poland (17-18th October, 2019). The title of the presentation was: 'Focus-feature and wh-feature in light of their pied-piping behavior in Hungarian'.

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György Rákosi's conference participation (9 October, 2019)

Rákosi György participated in the Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Semantics of Reciprocals. The event took place at the University of Utrecht between 7-8 October, 2019 and he presented a poster about Reciprocal anaphors in singular constructions in Hungarian.

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Enikő Tóth's conference participation (3 October, 2019)

Enikő Tóth attended the 10th International Conference on Experimental Linguistics in Lisbon, Portugal (25-27 September, 2019).

She gave a poster presentation on Hungarian demonstratives, and also reported about her joint work with György Rákosi on spatial anaphora in Hungarian.

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Researchers' Night 2019 (27 September, 2019)

As is now tradition, DEL had its own program in the international popular science initiative "Researchers' Night" (Kutatók Éjszakája) on 27th September, 2019. This year, László Hunyadi, Péter Szűcs, Viktória Virovec, Éva Kardos and György Rákosi made interactive presentations about various aspects of language contact, with Hungarian in the focus. You may find photos of the event here.

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New course: Hungarian from a linguistic perspective (5 September, 2019)

This semester, DEL is launching a new elective course for anyone interested in the Hungarian language, from a linguistic perspective. We will focus on issues that have a broader linguistic relevance and that play a central role in the grammar of Hungarian.

Check out the syllabus here.

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New publications (2 September, 2019)

New publication by Éva Kardos and her co-author, Imola-Ágnes Farkas in Magyar Nyelv, the journal of the Society of Hungarian Linguistics. Part 1 of the paper titled "A végpontosság mint szituációs aspektuális jegy jelölése a magyar nyelvben [Marking telicity as a situation aspectual property in Hungarian]ˇ" has been published in Number 2 of Volume 115, whereas Part 2 will appear in Number 3 of the same volume. Both Part 1 and Part 2 will be available in PDF format on this website.

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Summer school on speech acts in Göttingen (8-19 July, 2019) (16 July, 2019)

PhD student Christina Hodeib has been selected based on her research along with 29 other students from all over the world to participate in this year's summer school on speech acts at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen in Göttingen, Germany. For more information about this school, please click this link.

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LFG19 (13 July, 2019)

The 24th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference (LFG2019), hosted by the Australian National University, took place between 8-10 July, 2019, in Canberra.

DEL was represented by Péter Szűcs, who talked about left dislocation in Hungarian and Tibor Laczkó, who presented posters about nominalizations and also reported about his joint work with György Rákosi about pronominal possessors in Hungarian.

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ICSH 14 (14 June, 2019)

Éva Kardos, György Rákosi and Enikő Tóth attended this year's International Conference on the Structure of Hungarian in Potsdam, Germany (June 11-12, 2019).

Éva Kardos and her co-author, Imola-Ágnes Farkas, gave a talk titled "On the syntactic complexity of the event domain in Hungarian".

György Rákosi and Enikő Tóth gave a talk titled "On spatial anaphora in Hungarian".

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Invited talk by Galia Hatav (23 May, 2019)

Galia Hatav (University of Florida) gave an invited talk in the department on May 22, titled *Perfectivity: A Bundle of Properties*.

Abstract: There have been two main influential approaches dealing with the notion of perfectivity in language, namely, the completeness- and temporal approaches. Comrie's (1976) analysis, developed further by the part/whole theories (Bach 1986, Landman 1992, Smith 1991/1997, Filip 1999 and Altshuler 2012, a. o.), defines perfective- and imperfective clauses as denoting complete- and incomplete situations, respectively. Klein's (1992; 1994 and elsewhere) analysis defines the notion in purely temporal terms, stipulating that perfective clauses denote situations whose event-time is included in their reference-time while imperfective clauses denote situations whose event-time includes their reference-time. In this paper, I will show that both approaches are compatible, as each concentrates on one of the (im)perfective properties, but argue that those properties are only part of the picture. Connecting the dots between several studies on aspect in general and the Russian and Biblical Hebrew aspect systems in particular, I conclude that the perfective is, furthermore, a reference-time builder, as opposed to the imperfective, whose clauses must borrow their reference-time from the (extra) linguistic context.

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OTDK conference 2019 (26 April, 2019)

We are thrilled to let you know that Andrea Szávó, Szimonetta Fodor, Viktória Virovec and Anna Ware gave talks in linguistics at OTDK. Anna (Zero in Hungarian) has won 1st place and Andrea (The L2 Acquisition of Telicity Marking in English by Native Speakers of Hungarian: A Cross-Sectional Study of L1 Transfer) has won 2nd place in English linguistics, whereas Viktória ("Kellesz", mint a "kell" jövő ideje) has won 2nd place in Sociolinguistics and Dialectology. Their supervisors are Éva Kardos and György Rákosi. Congratulations!