



COMPARATIVE GERMANIC SYNTAX WORKSHOP 37

CGSW 37

University of Zurich/Room KO2-F-152

November 10-11, 2025

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CHAIR: Guido Seiler

09:30 - 10:30

Martin Salzmann

*Remnants of NP-ellipsis in English and German:
Against evacuation movement and in favor of N-
stranding ellipsis*

10:30 - 11:00

Eric Haeberli and Manuela Schönenberger

*Word order variation in verb clusters, usage data,
and their implications: Evidence from a variety of
Swiss German*

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

CHAIR: Mirjam Marti Heinzle

11:30 - 12:00

Marco Coniglio, Julia Bacskai-Atkari and Chiara De Bastiani

*The grammaticalization of wh- relative pronouns in
English and German: a comparative perspective*

12:00 - 12:30

Nele Arnold and Andreas Blümel

*Insights from two case studies in the diachrony of
Germanic NPs: A reanalysis*

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch break

CHAIR: Stefan Savić

14:00 - 14:30

Gianina Iordachioaia and Jeannique Darby

*Complex event structure with the zero suffix in
English deverbal nominals*

14:30 - 15:00

Wesley Lincoln

*Syntax and semantics of also in Singlish: Evidence of
joint Chinese and Malay influence*

15:00 - 15:30

Anne-Li Demonie and Pamela Goryczka

Agreement puzzles in Germanic possessives

15:30 - 15:45

Business meeting

15:45 - 16:15

Coffee break



CHAIR: Andreas Trotzke

16:15 - 16:45

Squid Tamar-Mattis and Oddur Snorrason
Germanic pseudo-coordination and bare verb constructions as distinctness repairs

16:45 - 17:15

Marijke De Belder
The syntax of fractional numbers in West-Germanic languages

17:15 - 18:15

Jan-Wouter Zwart
Comparative Germanic syntax and Minimalism today

19:30 -

Conference dinner + dinner speech by a CGSW veteran! Location: tba

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Martina Wiltschko
What's in a mirative and how did it get there? Evidence from German dialects

10:30 - 11:00

Engela de Villiers and Theresa Biberauer
Let's become more speaker-oriented! A case of pseudo-let imperatives in Afrikaans

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Coffee break

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David Diem
Verb-first under evaluatives and psych verbs in Alemannic German

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Tobias Frick and Leonie Strickler
The development of an embedded V2 word order in a Swiss German language island

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Paul Zödl

How much Basque is in Yiddish? The diachrony of N-indefinites and negative concord

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Chiara Riegger, George Walkden and Tina Bögel
Swabian null subjects at the syntax-phonology interface

15:00 - 15:30

Lieke Hendriks

On the quantitative pronoun er in Brabantic split topicalization

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Coffee break

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Leah S. Bauke and Dennis Wegner

Double modals in Standard German, Standard English and dialects of English

16:30 - 17:30

Gillian Ramchand

Det var godt!: On the experiential past tense in Mainland Scandinavian