

## **The Diachrony of TAM System as a Paradigm**

The diachrony of TAM (tense-aspect-modality) systems has been one of the most researched topics in historical linguistics, especially after Heine, Claudi, and Hünemeyer (1991) and Bybee, Perkins, and Pagliuca (1994). However, many of the previous studies have focused on the diachronic development of specific TAM markers. That is, their aim is usually to identify the origins of the TAM markers in question and to examine the further changes (phonological, semantic, and/or morpho-syntactic) that the markers have gone through. This might be due to the fact that this is the structure of above mentioned works. Furthermore, while the interaction among tense, aspect and modality is a long-studied topic, we still have not thoroughly addressed how the overall TAM systems develop in a given language.

Note that the diachrony of TAM system as a paradigm inevitably questions what possible synchronic TAM systems are like, and what they are not like. This interface between diachrony and synchrony becomes extremely critical when reconstructing a TAM system of a language from diachronic data. However, there is little literature that focuses on TAM systems of modern languages from a holistic viewpoint, although they might examine the function of individual TAM markers.

The questions that the workshop will address include:

- 1) How do the specific diachronic changes of TAM markers affect the overall TAM paradigm in a given language?
- 2) Alternatively, how is tense, aspect, or modality system affected by such changes, rather than the TAM systems as a whole?)
- 3) Conversely, how does the overall structure of a TAM paradigm affect the types of diachronic changes of specific TAM markers?
- 4) Or how does the nature of a TAM system affect the development of individual markers?
- 5) Typologically speaking, what is a possible TAM system? Or what would an impossible TAM system be? How can we use diachronic data in order to determine that?

- 6) How should we utilize attested synchronic TAM systems in order to reconstruct the semantic property of certain TAM markers as well as the whole system?
- 7) Any other issues that have not been solved

This workshop will provide us with new, significant insight into this long-studied topic, while casting light on unsolved issues.