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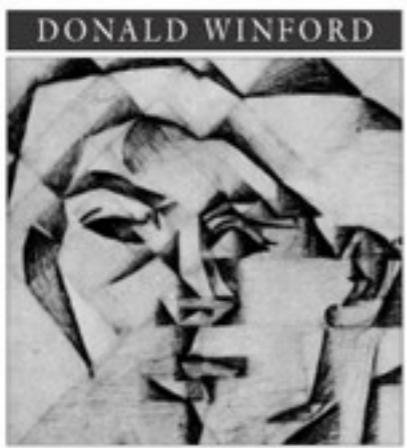
Construction sémiotique et saisie du «contact»  
entre les langues et dans la langue.  
Vers une anthropologie renouvelée

*Robert Nicolaï*

# LANGUAGE CONTACT AN INTRODUCTION

2001

Sarah G. Thomason



AN INTRODUCTION  
TO CONTACT  
LINGUISTICS  
2003

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Publishing

Thomas Stoltz  
Dik Bakker  
Rosa Salas Palomo  
(Editors)

## Aspects of Language Contact

New Theoretical, Methodological and  
Empirical Findings with Special Focus on  
Romancisation Processes

2008

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## STRUCTURE AND VARIATION IN LANGUAGE CONTACT

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## The Handbook of Language Contact



Trois modalités de la saisie du ‘contact’...

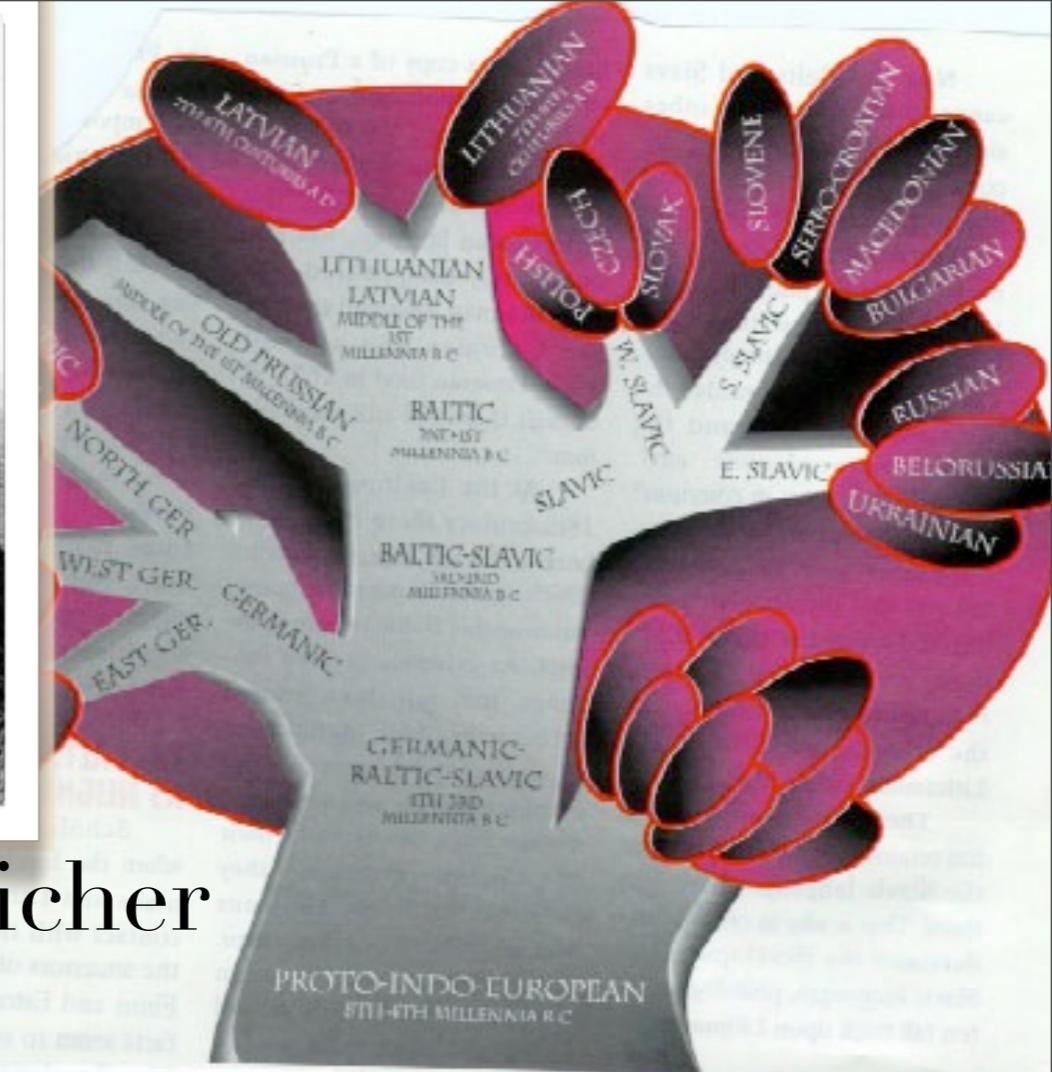
*three grasping about the ‘contact’ :*

1 - ‘*Linguistique*’ : la problématique du contact est *non-pertinente* ou marginale... *contact is not relevant or marginal*

2 - ‘*Anthroposociale*’ : la problématique du contact fait *partie intégrante* de l’objet de la recherche...  
*contact is a part of the research object*

3 - ‘*Sémiotique*’ : la problématique du contact est *constitutive* de l’élaboration des concepts utiles pour la description des phénomènes... *contact is constitutive of the conceptual tools for the research.*

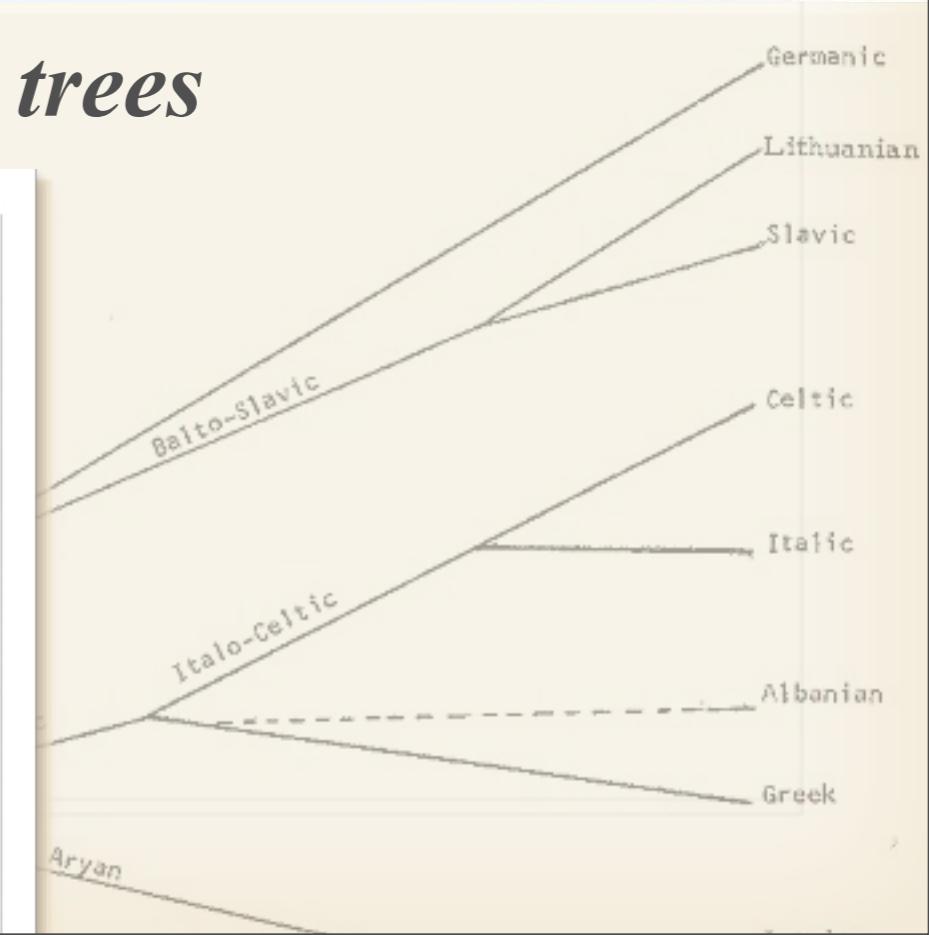
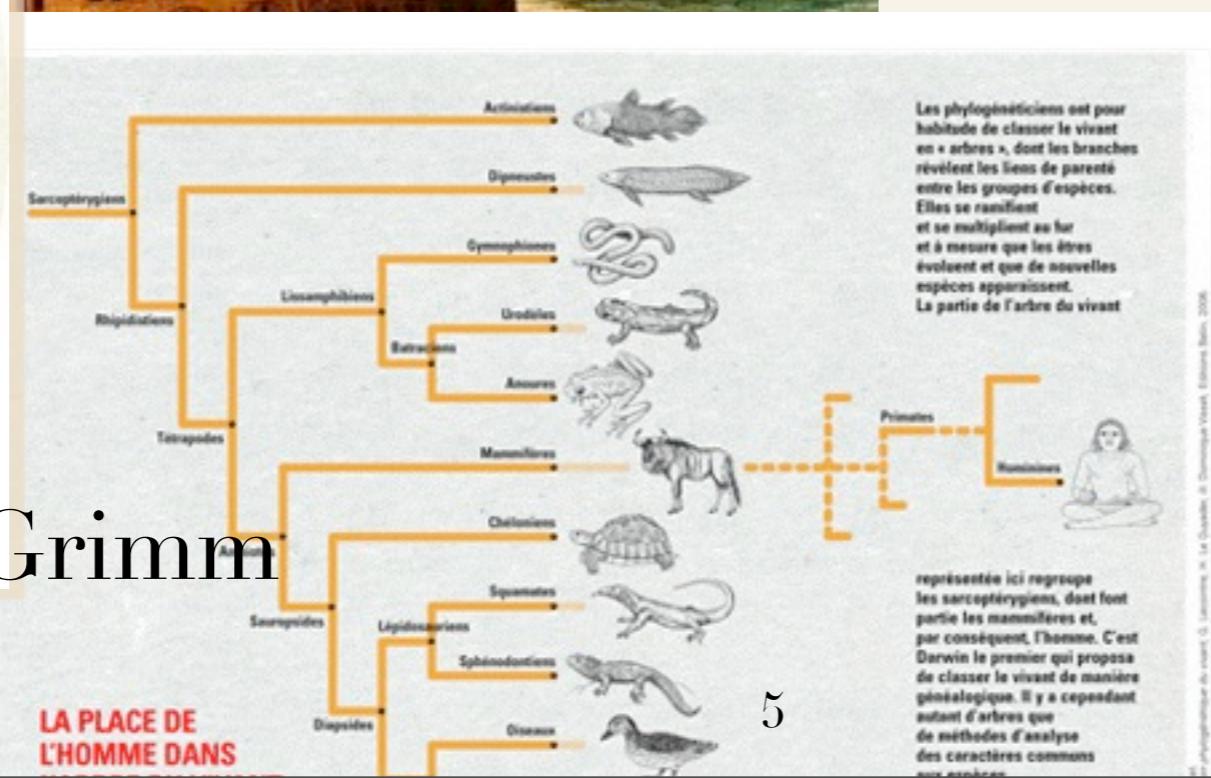
# Charles Darwin



# August Schleicher



# *Family trees*



# Jacob Grimm



# *The Neogrammarians*



Hermann Osthoff



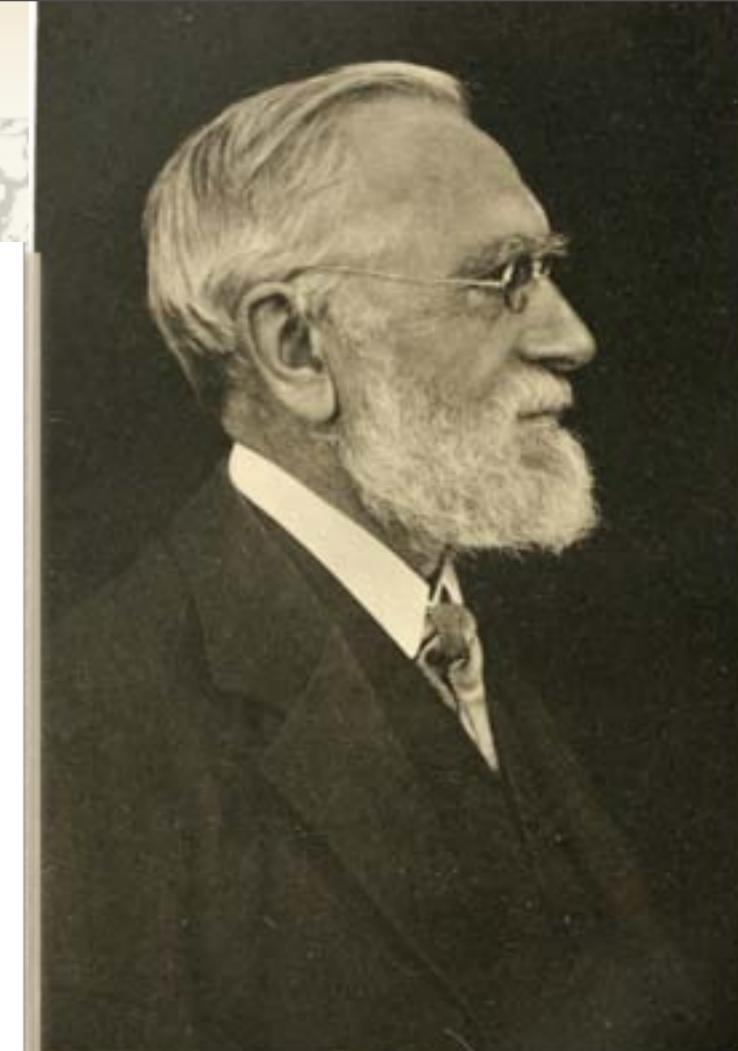
Karl  
Brugmann



Berthold  
Delbrück



Hermann Paul



August Leskien

Labial	Dental	Velar	LabioVelar
*bh	*dh	*gh	*gʷʰh
*b	*d	*g	*gʷʰ
*p	*t	*k	*kʷʰ

Proto-Indo-European Consonant System

Aspirated Stops

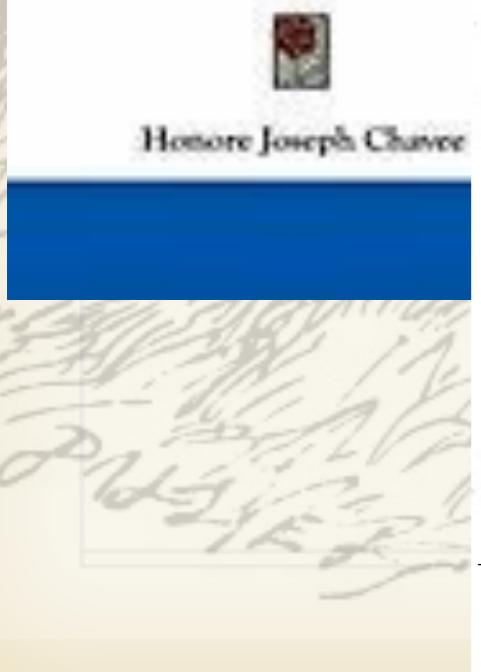
Voiced Stops

Voiceless Stops

*A language is an organism...*

Essai D'Etymologie  
Philosophique  
(1843)

Honoré Chavée

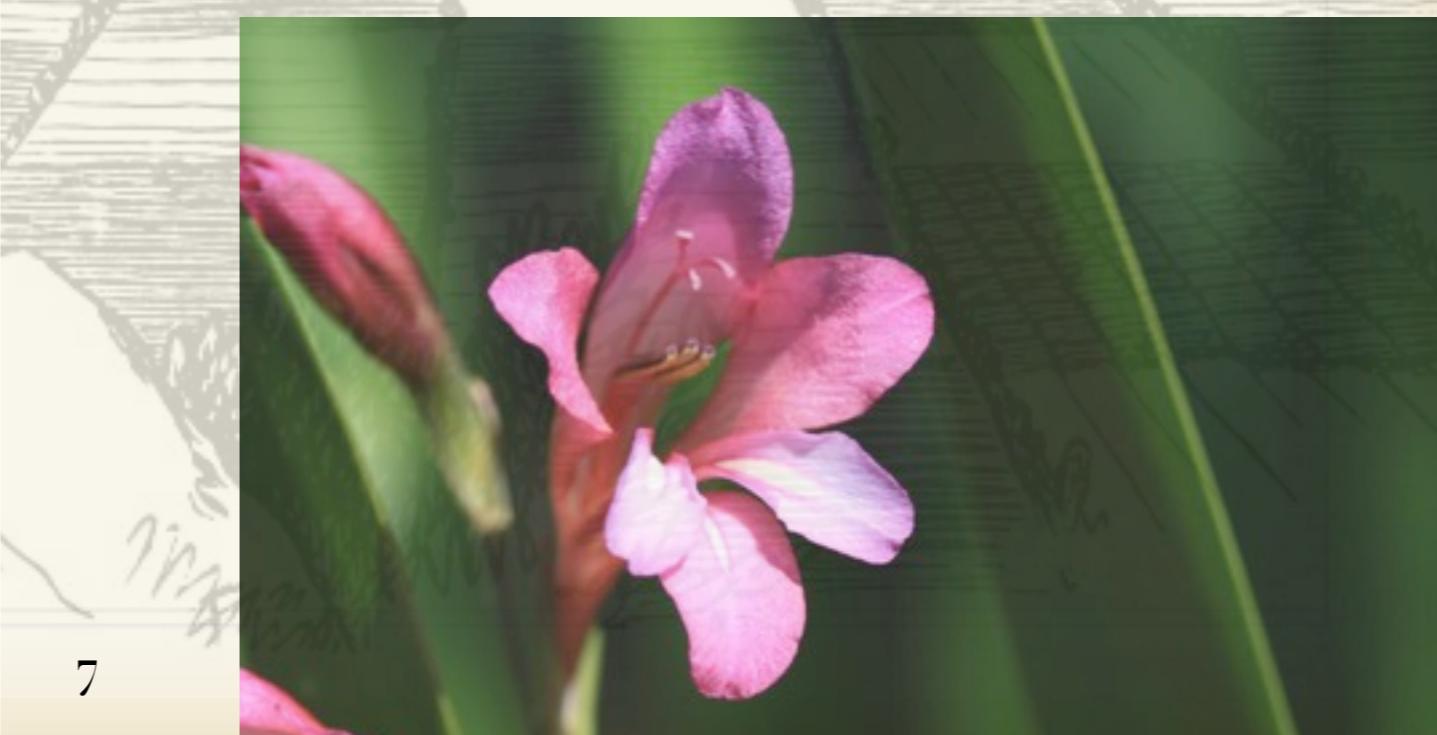


August Schleicher

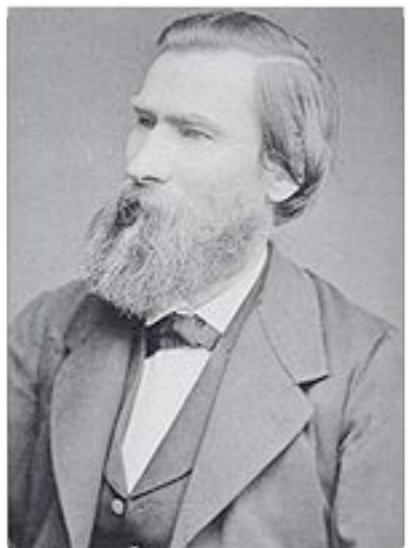
ÉTUDES  
DE LINGUISTIQUE  
D'ETHNOGRAPHIE

A. HOVELACQUE et Julien VINSON

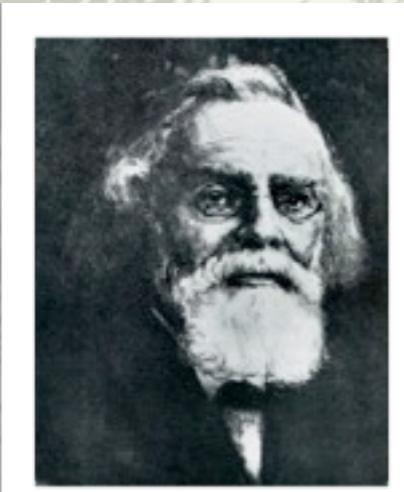
Abel Hovelacque



# *Völkerpsychologie*



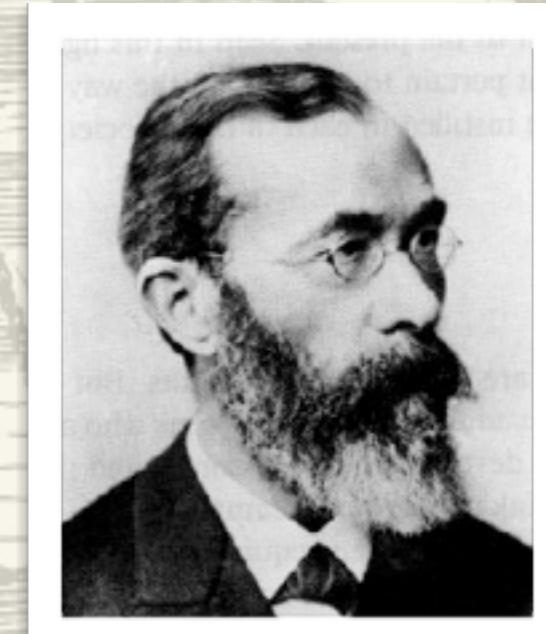
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Lazarus



Heymann  
Steinthal

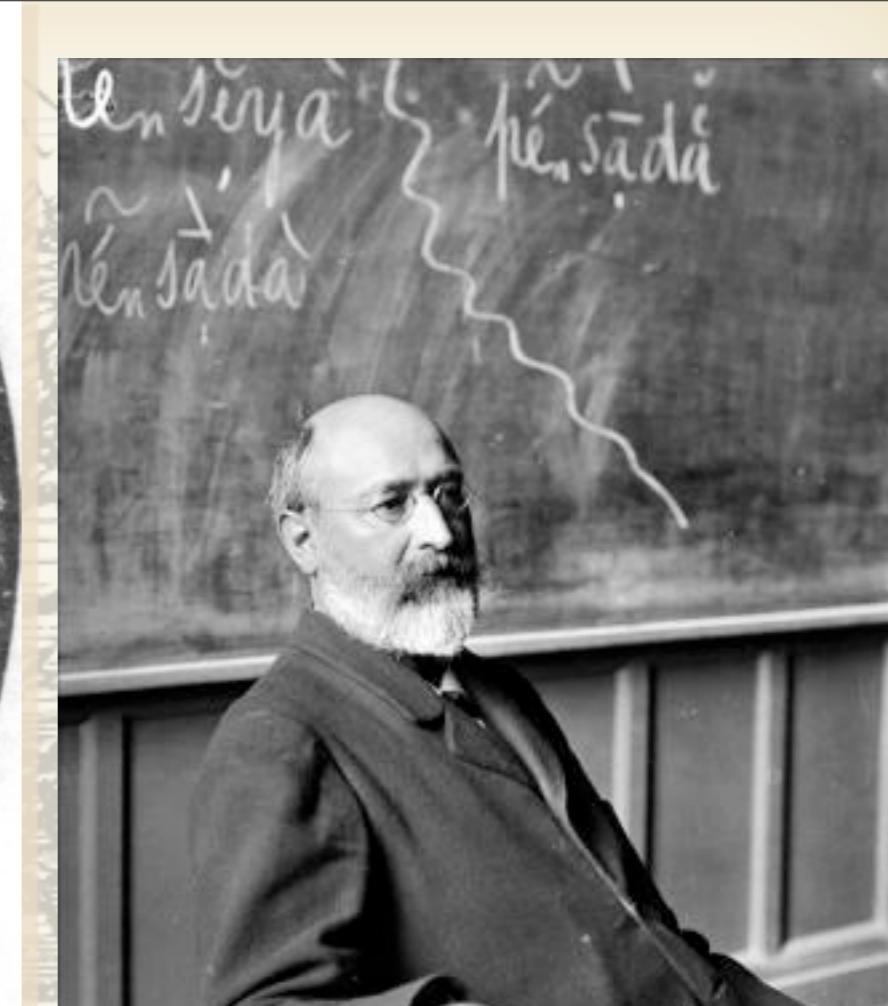
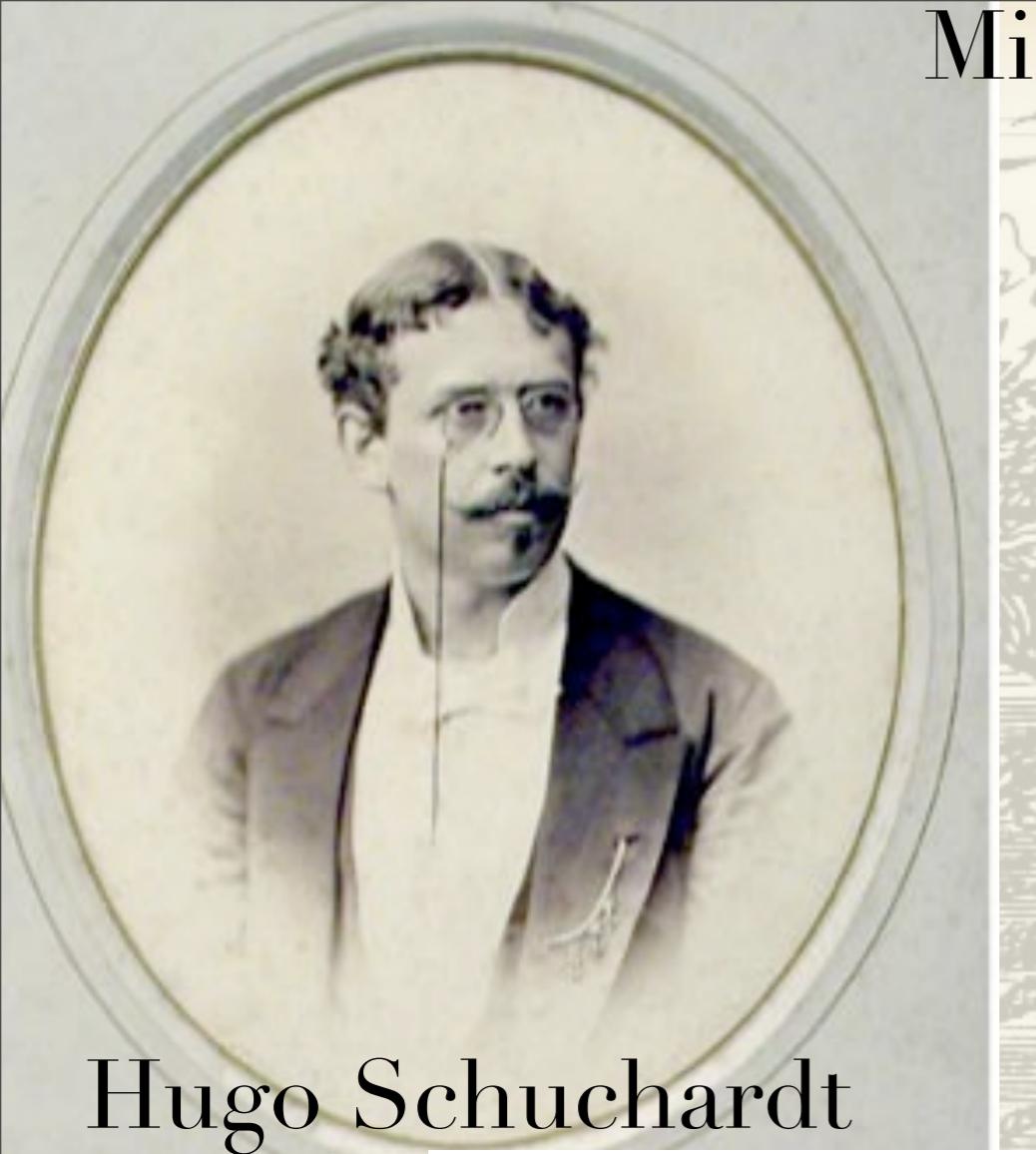


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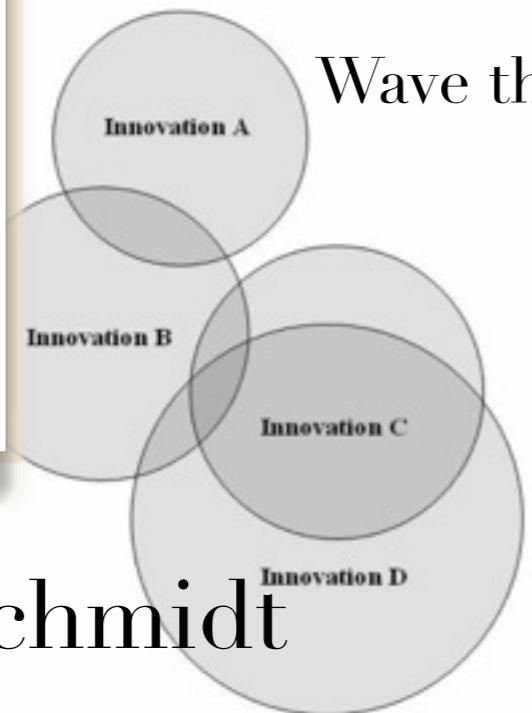


Wilhelm  
Wundt

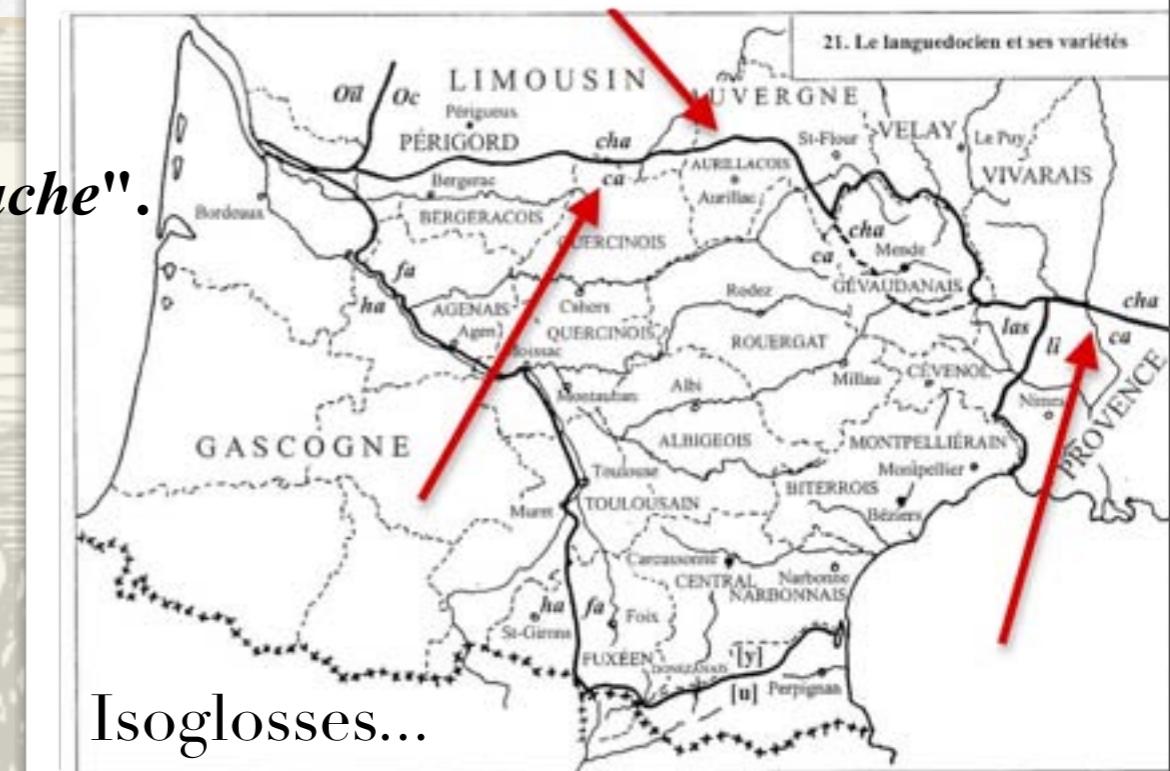
# Michel Bréal



Hugo Schuchardt



Johannes Schmidt



Jules Gillieron

über den hamitischen gekennzeichnet sind, und untersucht dann, welche von ihnen in den Sprachen der mittleren Zone sich wiederfinden. Es scheint mir, als ob in solchen Fällen eine Zusammenfassung in höhere Gruppen angezeigt wäre; denn manche Eigentümlichkeiten sind so innig miteinander verknüpft, daß sie auch ihre äußeren Schicksale voraussichtlich teilen werden. Auf afrikanischem Boden ist die Stellung der einzelnen Elemente zueinander von besonderer Bedeutung (ich sage „Elemente“ im allgemeinsten Sinne, um nicht von Wurzeln und nicht von Wörtern reden zu müssen). Indem aber Lepsius den Bantusprachen den Präfixcharakter zuspricht, glaube ich, daß er von einem ganz äußerlichen Standpunkt wesentlich Verschiedenes als zusammengehörig betrachtet. Es handelt sich doch nicht darum, daß präfigiert, sondern was präfigiert wird. Wenn der vierte Punkt lautet: „Beim Verbum werden die Personalpronomina präfigiert,“ so steht mit der unter 8) angegebenen allgemeinen Wortstellung (Subjekt + Verbum + Objekt) die Präfigierung der Subjektpersonomina im Einklang, die der Objektpersonomina aber im Widerspruch.

Lepsius' Einleitung zu seiner Nubischen Grammatik besitzt ein so allgemeines sprachwissenschaftliches Interesse, daß vielleicht auch jemand, der nur von der einen oder der andern afrikanischen Sprache eine oberflächliche Vorstellung hat, es wagen darf, einige bei der Lektüre ihm ausgestiegen Gedanken der Nubischen Grammatik zu empfehlen. Sie werden sich am besten daran erinnern,

"Es gibt keine völlig ungemischte Sprache".  
Lepsius nimmt an, daß die Sprachen der mittleren Zone Afrikas aus einer Mischung zwischen den urafrikanischen Sprachen, welche sich in der südlichen Zone rein erhalten haben, und den aus Asien nach Nordafrika eingedrungenen Sprachen hervorgegangen sind, betont aber zugleich, daß jene Mischsprachen in ganz außerordentlicher Weise sich gegeneinander isolieren, so daß legitime Übereinstimmungen schon eine sehr nahe Verwandtschaft bestanden. Einen auffallenden Gegensatz hierzu bildet nun die enge Zusammengehörigkeit der über ein ungeheure Gebiet ausgedehnten Bantusprachen,<sup>1</sup> die sich insbesondere auch im Wortschatz äußert. Sollen wir jenen Umstand auf Rechnung eines klimatischen Einflusses sehen, den ja auch die Annahme von der Grundverschiedenheit zwischen den mittelafrikanischen Stämmen und den südafrikanischen Rassen gelten lassen könnte? Oder hat erst die Mischung den Trieb zu übermäßiger Differenzierung entwickelt?

Es ist wahrt, die Mischung hat in den mannigfachsten Kombinationen stattgefunden. Lepsius stellt ein Dutzend von Punkten auf, durch welche die Bantusprachen gegen-

<sup>1</sup> Ich weiß nicht, warum man „Bantu“ schreibt. Vielleicht hierin vorangegang, führt zwar S. 26 seiner vergleichenden Grammatik das Kastwort a-ba-ntu an, aber S. 103, 159 u. s. w. finden wir a-ba-ntu, und dies Präfix ba- erscheint sonst überhaupt bei ihm ohne Längenzeichen; s. bes. S. 254 f. Meines Erachtens würde sich die Schreibung „Ba-ntu“ empfehlen, in welcher das hervorstechendste Kennzeichen dieser Sprachen angedeutet wäre.

## Zur afrikanischen Sprachmischung.

Von Hugo Schuchardt.

Schuchardt. Kreolis.

Kreolische

Von

Hugo Schuchardt

corr. Mitglied der kais. Akademie

I.<sup>1</sup>

Ueber das Negerportugiesische  
(Westafri-

Unter den kreolischen Dialektischen insofern eine besondere Beachtung entstanden sind, und wiederum sind portugiesischen die interessantesten. Gerade diese aber sind bis in die neueste Zeit fast gänzlich vernachlässigt worden. Nachdem 1849 Bertrand-Bocandé im Bulletin de la Société Géographique de Paris einige allgemeine Bemerkungen über das Kreolische des portugiesischen Guineas gemacht hatte

## LES IDIOMES

### NÉGRO-ARYEN ET MALÉO-ARYEN

ESSAI D'HYBRIDOLOGIE LINGUISTIQUE

PAR LUCIEN ADAM

Kreolische Studien  
(1882)

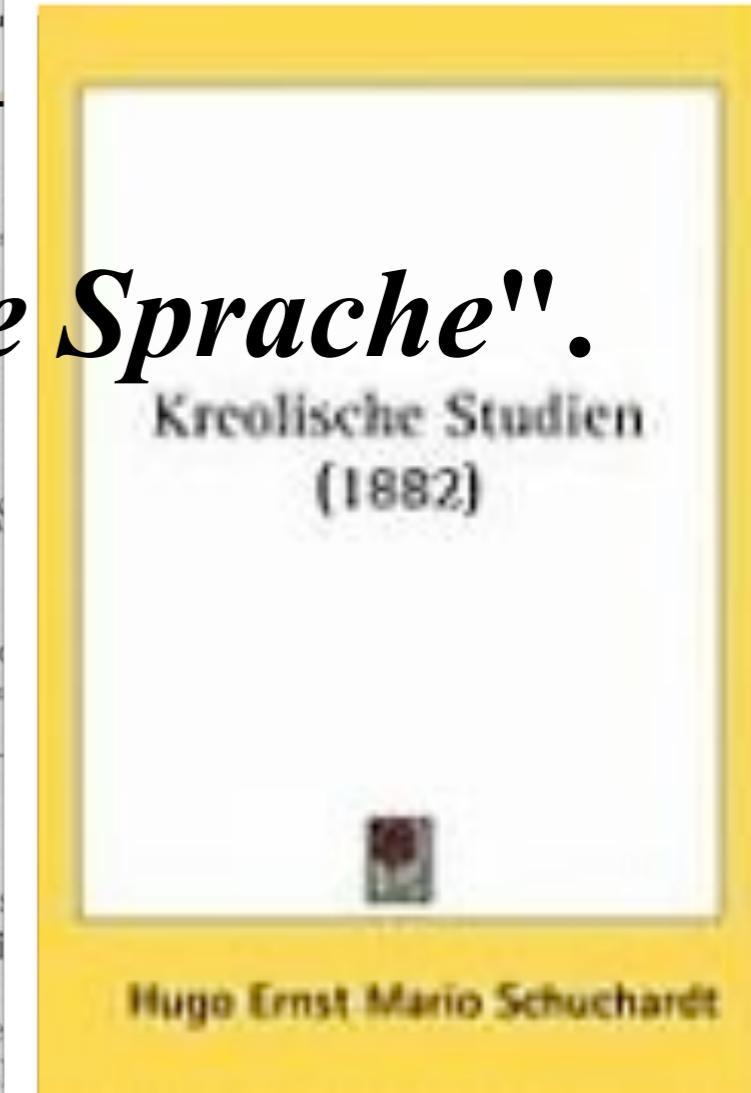


Hugo Ernst Mario Schuchardt



ESSAI D'HYBRIDOLOGIE LINGUISTIQUE

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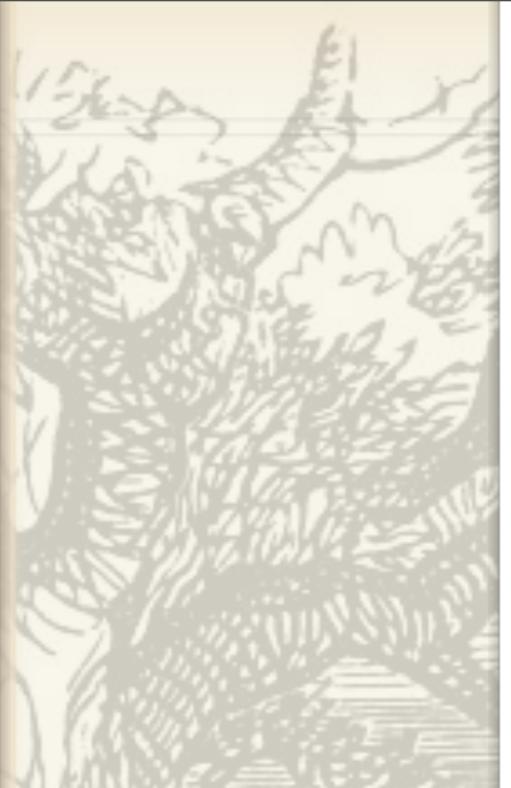




Nikolai Troubetzkoy

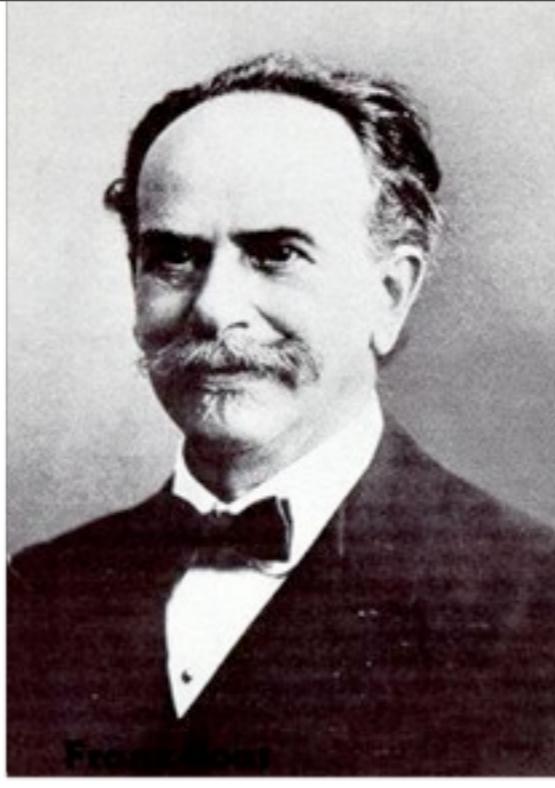


Roman Jakobson

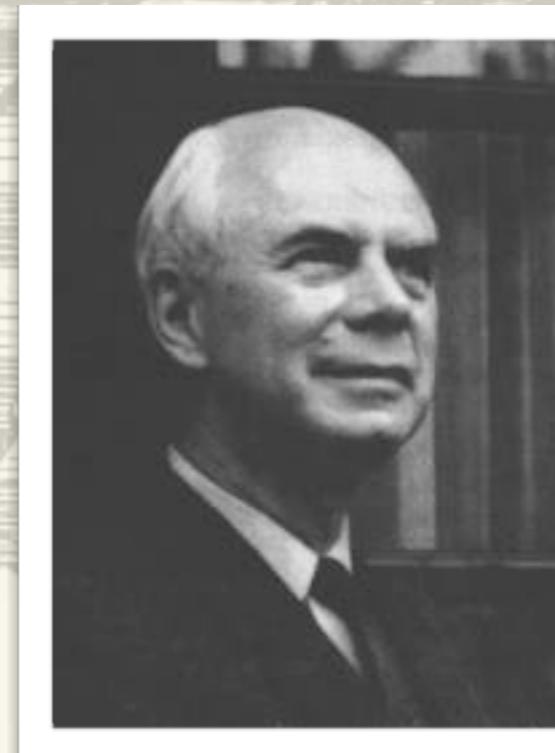


*Sprachbund  
(1923, 1928)*

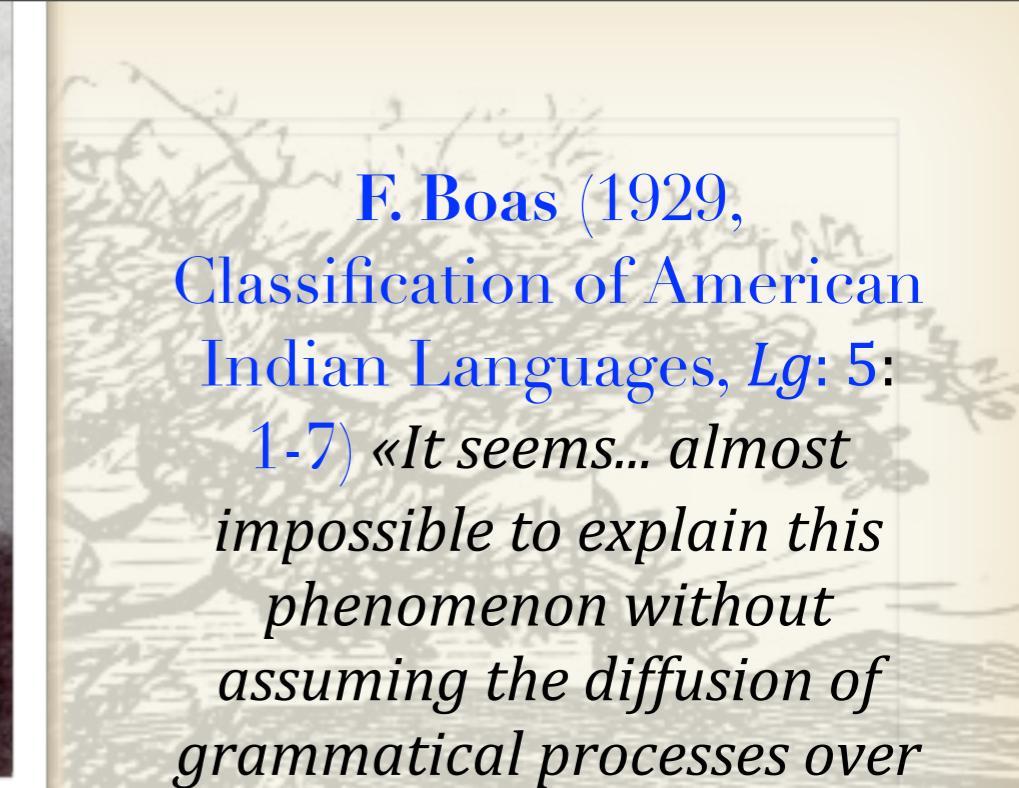
*Linguistic area*



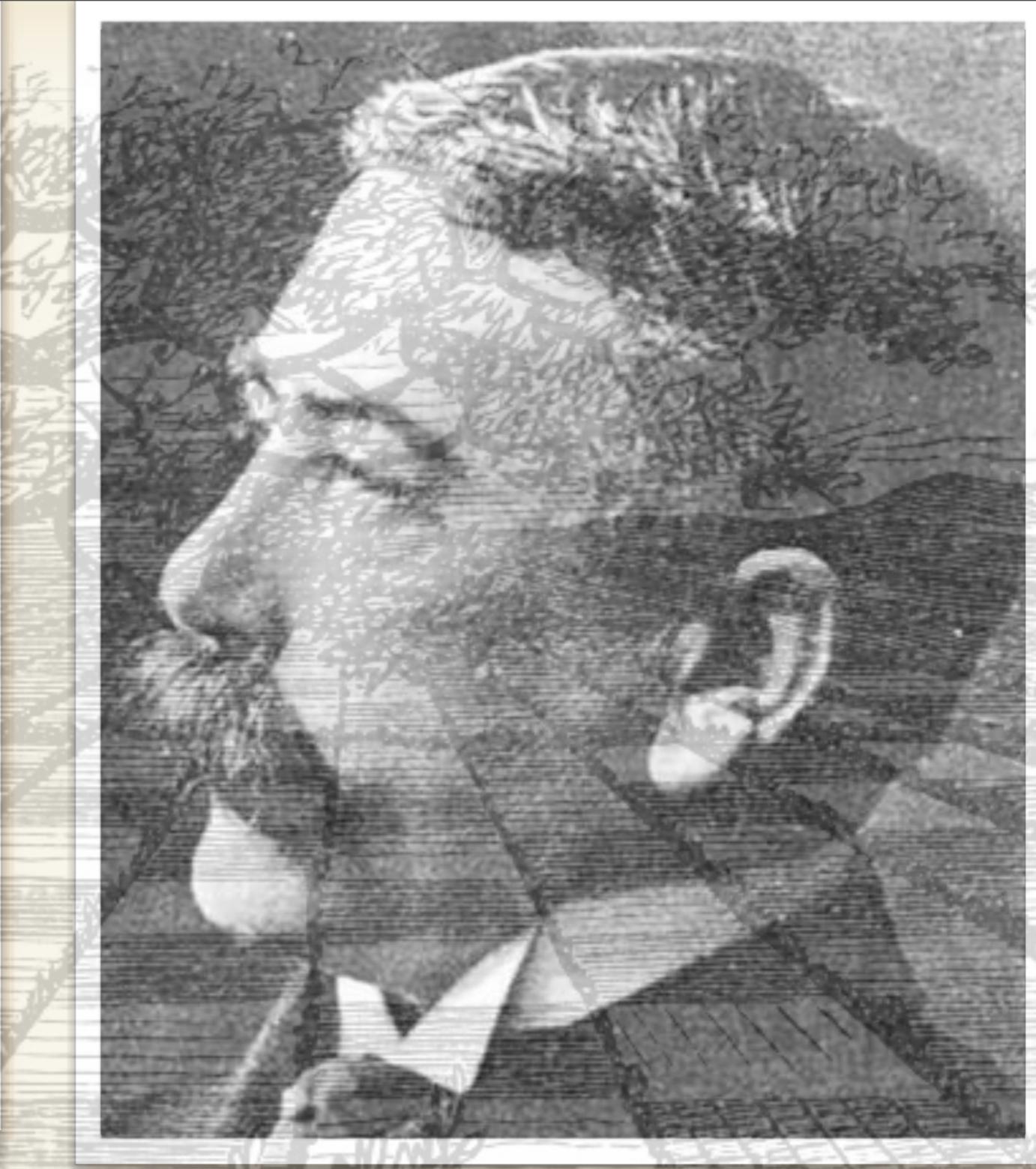
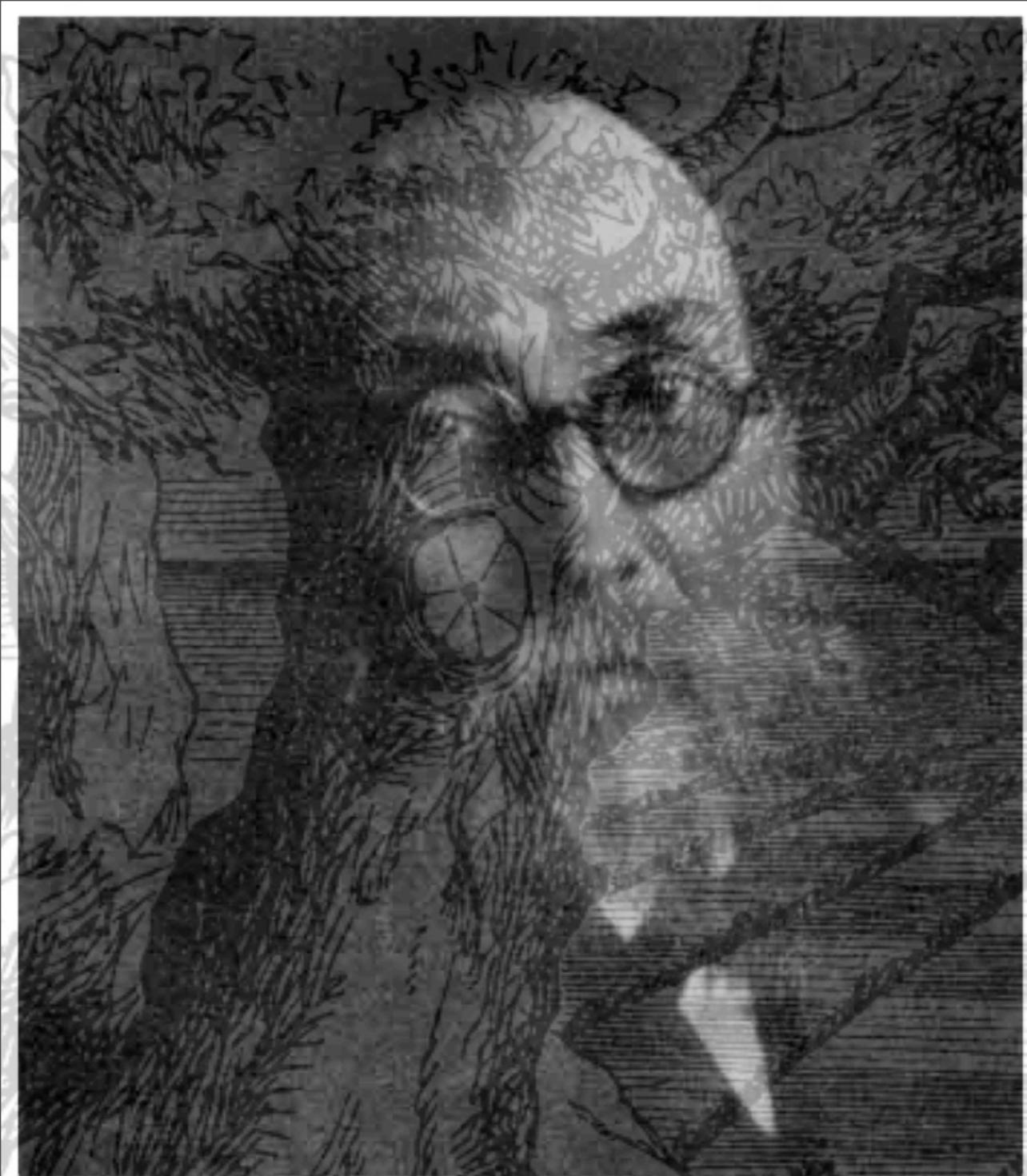
Franz Boas



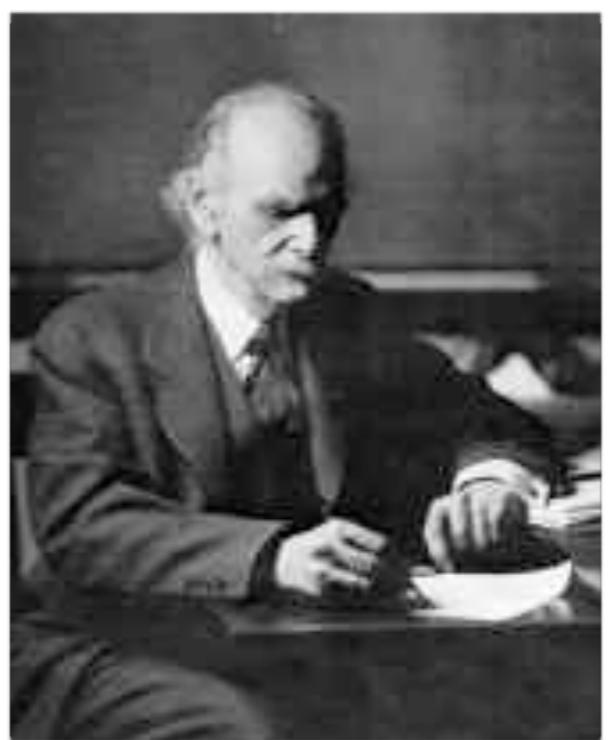
Murray B. Emeneau



F. Boas (1929,  
Classification of American  
Indian Languages, Lg: 5:  
1-7) «*It seems... almost  
impossible to explain this  
phenomenon without  
assuming the diffusion of  
grammatical processes over  
continuous areas*»



Meillet, Saussure : «*un système où tout se tient*»



Franz Boas



Emile Durkheim



Bronislaw Malinowski

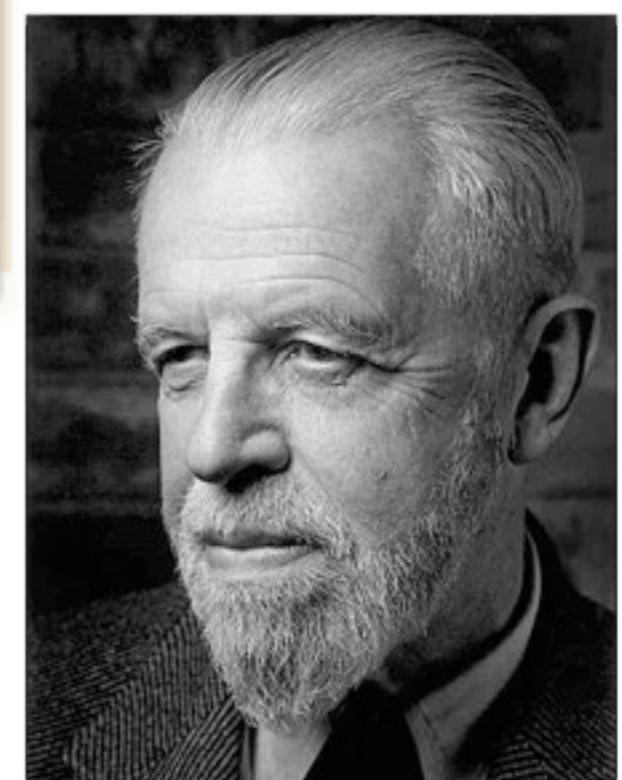
## Backgrounds



Marcel Mauss

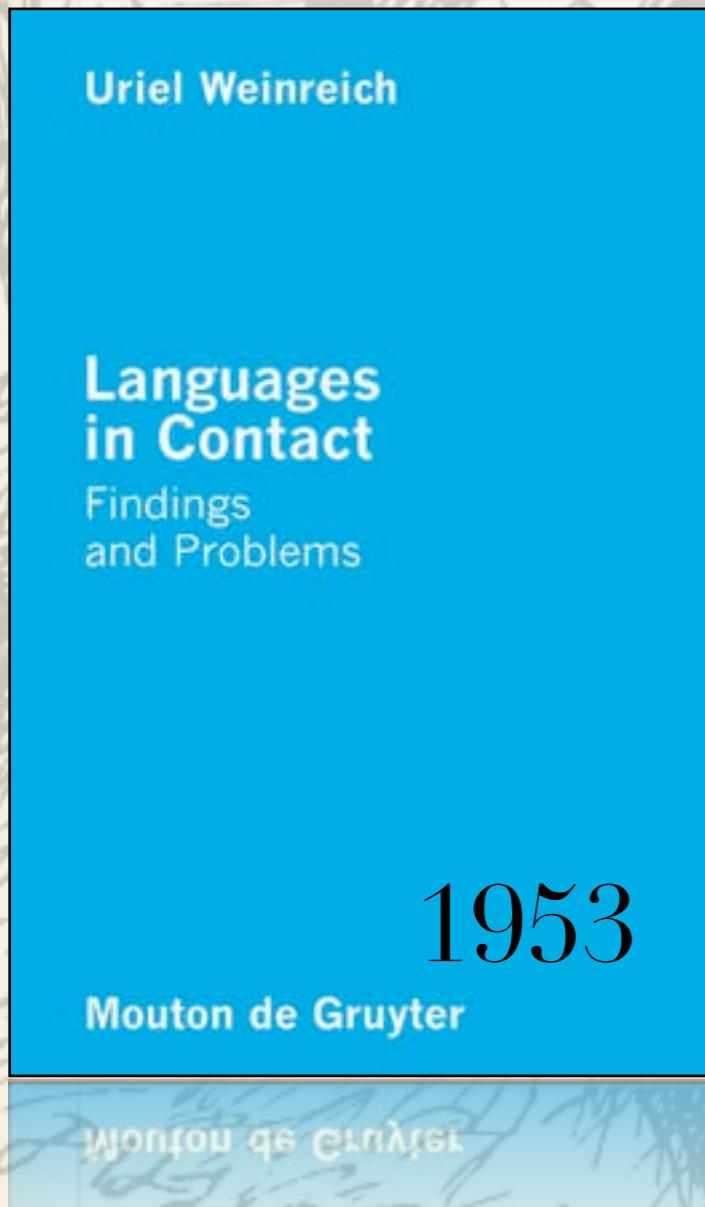


Edward Sapir



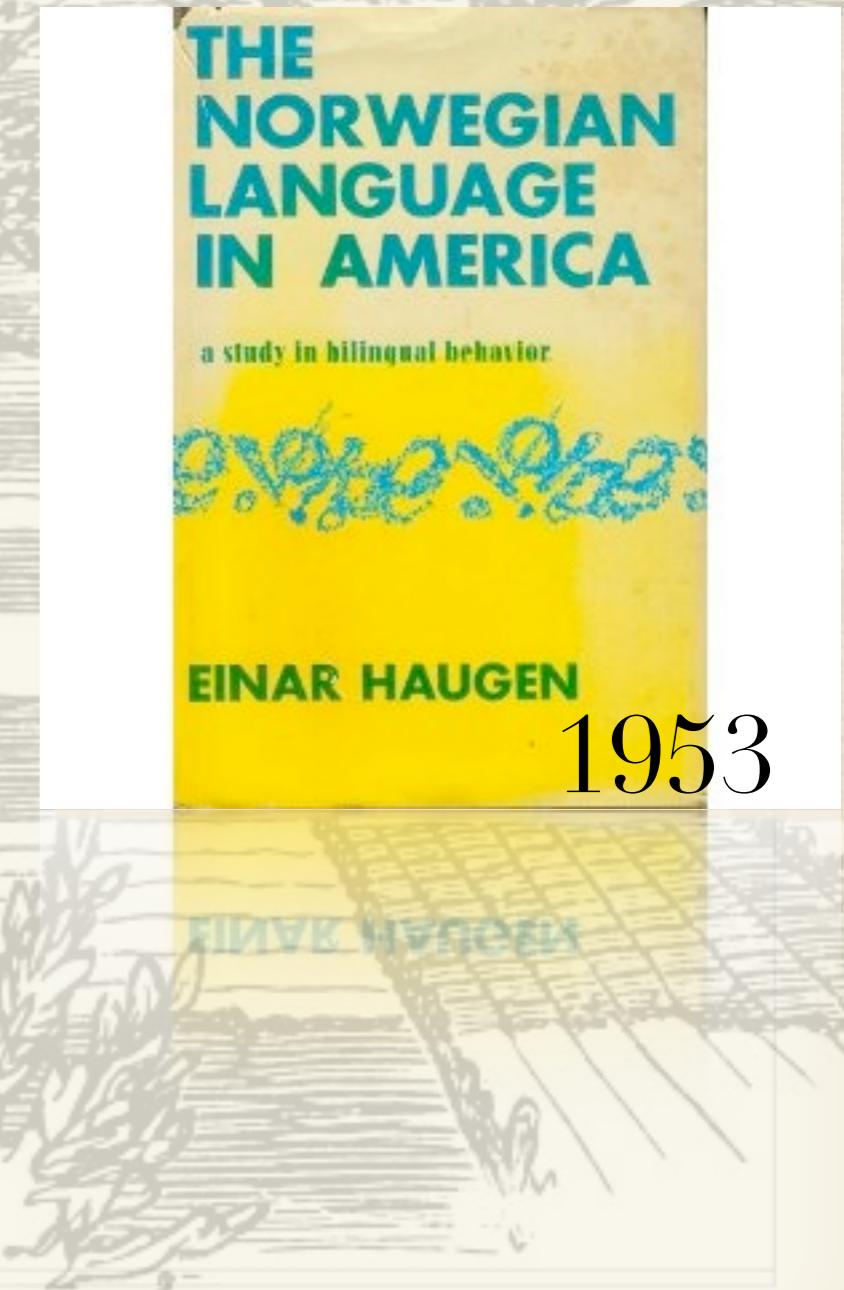
Alfred Kroeber

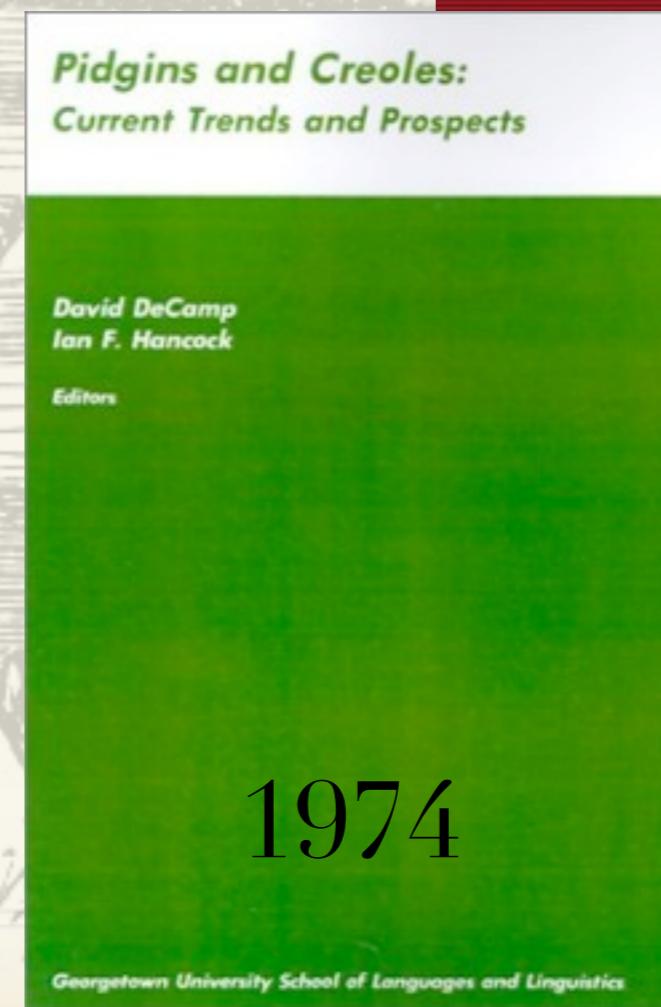
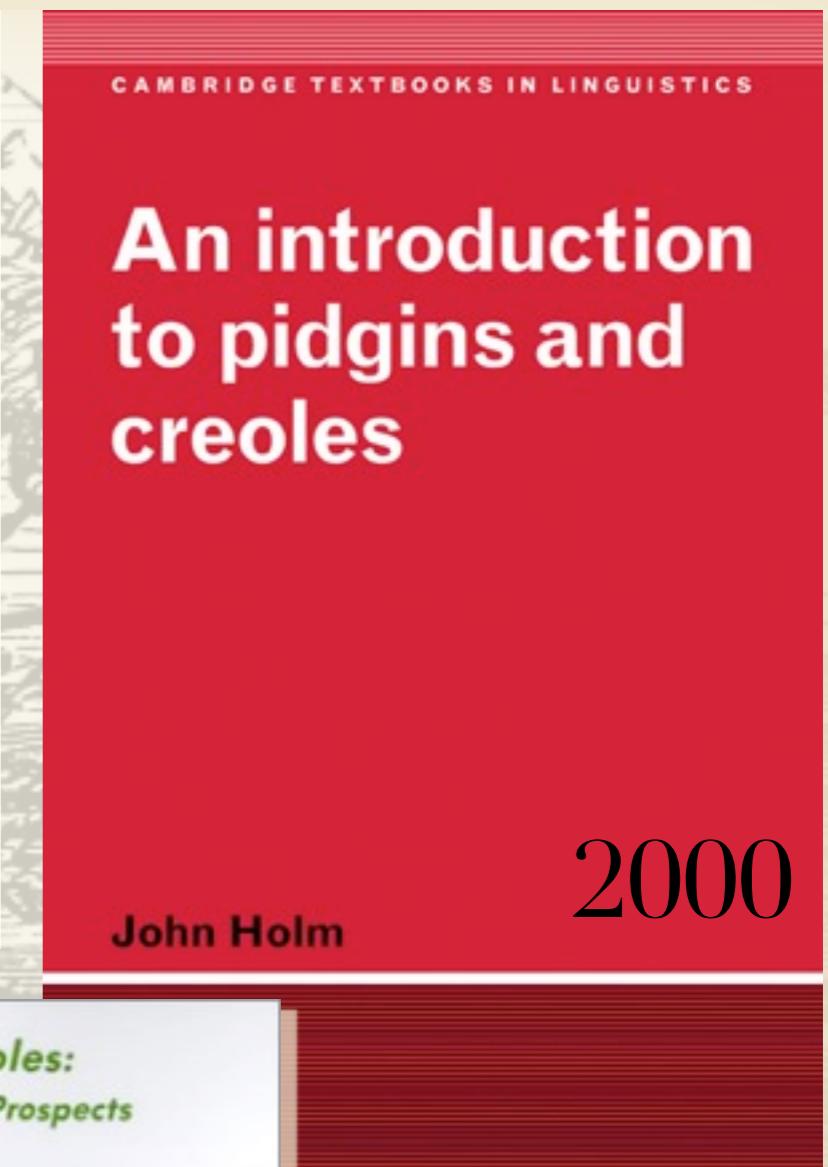
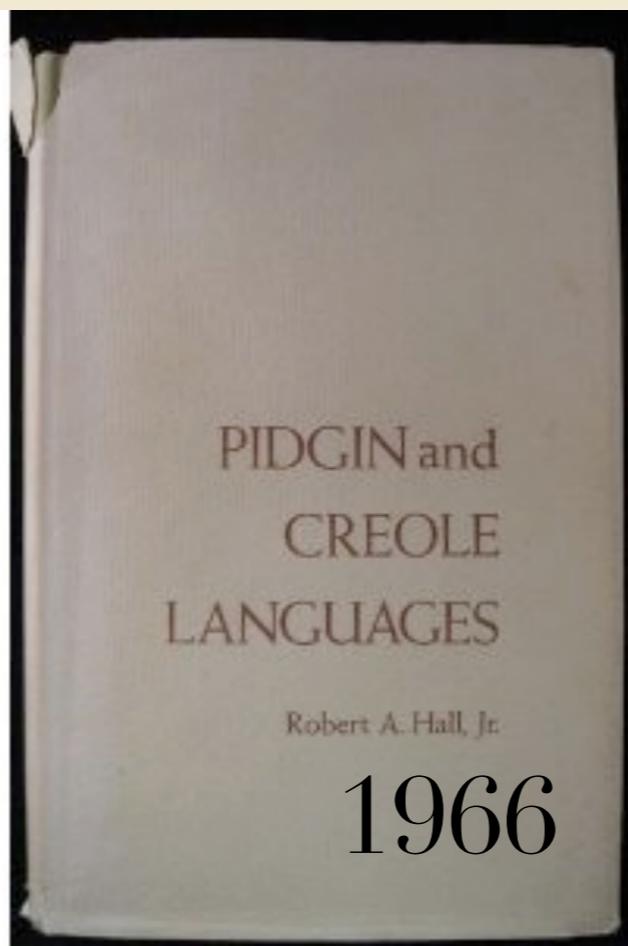
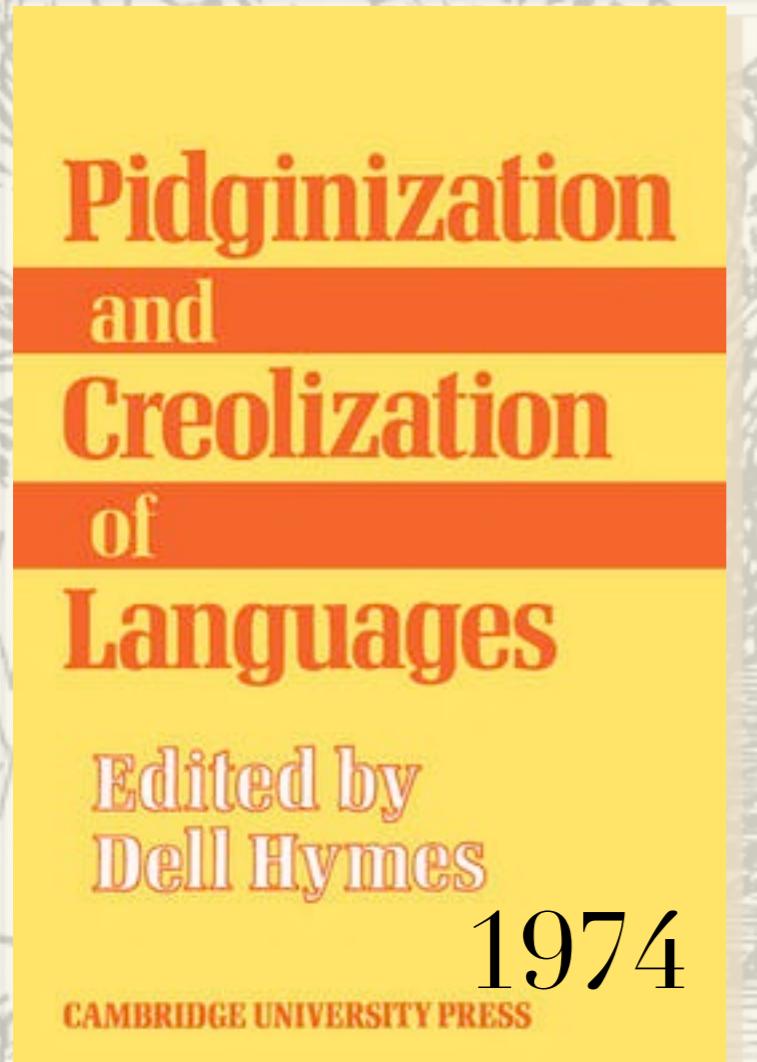
# *Disciplinary frameworks* synchronic linguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics...



U. Weinreich 1953 [1969]: 4 «*It is ... in a broad psychological and socio-cultural setting that language contact can best be understood...*

*On an interdisciplinary basis research into language contact achieves increased depth and validity.»*

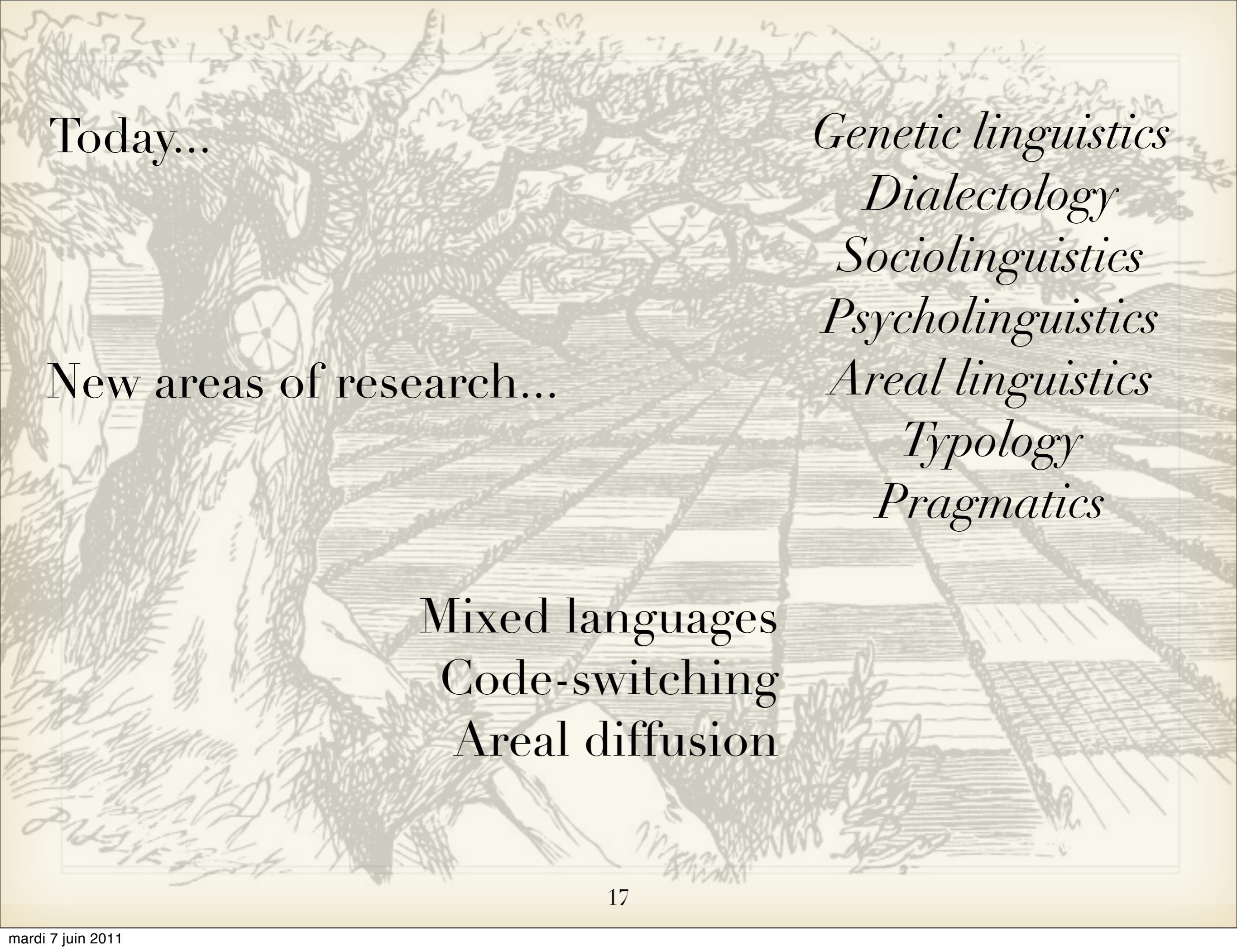




*Pidgin and Creoles Languages*

Creolization  
Pidginization  
Vernacular language  
Vehicular language





Today...

New areas of research...

*Genetic linguistics*  
*Dialectology*  
*Sociolinguistics*  
*Psycholinguistics*  
*Areal linguistics*  
*Typology*  
*Pragmatics*

Mixed languages  
Code-switching  
Areal diffusion

# Four fields...

- Genetic linguistics and mixed languages
- Code-switching
- Dialectology
- Areal diffusion

# Language Contact, Creolization, and Genetic Linguistics

SARAH GREY THOMASON  
& TERENCE KAUFMAN

1988

Abnormal transmission

Language maintenance, language shift

Borrowing *vs.* Interference through shift

Shift without normal transmission

Abrupt creolization *vs.* gradual

creolization, nativization

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## THE MAKING OF A MIXED LANGUAGE

The case of Ma'a/Mbugu

Maarten Mous

JOHN BENJAMINS PUBLISHING COMPANY

2003

## Romani in Britain

The Afterlife of a Language

YARON MATRAS

2010

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OXFORD STUDIES IN  
ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUISTICS

## A Language of Our Own

The Genesis of Michif,  
the Mixed Cree-French

Language of the Canadian Métis

Peter Bakker

1992

*Genetic  
linguistics  
and mixed  
languages*

(Thomason & Kaufman, 1988 : 211-3) : « This class of language is divided into three types, according to particular route of non-genetic development:

- languages that have borrowed so massively from some another language that genetic continuity has been destroyed for some or all grammatical subsystems... ;
- abrupt creoles... ;
- and pidgins. »

## *Genetic linguistics and mixed languages*

« [T]he major determinants of contact-induced language change are the social facts of particular contact situations, not the structural linguistic relations that obtain among the languages themselves. »

« Predicting the results of contact-induced change in any detail is far beyond our present ability, given the kinds of evidence now available about language contacts. »

« Deterministic predictions will surely remain permanently beyond our grasp, and simplistic predictions ... are bound to fail. »

# CONTACT LANGUAGES

## 1996

A WIDER PERSPECTIVE

Edited by  
SARAH G. THOMASON



Peter Bakker and Maarten Mous (eds.)  
**MIXED LANGUAGES**  
*15 Case Studies in Language Intertwining*

2003

Mixed languages: ‘new languages or continuation of their ancestors languages?’

MLs arise through abrupt or gradual processes ?

Kinds of social constellations that lead to the emergence of MLs ?

Role of codeswitching?

Role of speaker’s intentions in the patterns of language mixing behaviour that give rise to MLs?

(Y. Matras & P. Bakker 2003)

Language intertwining  
Relexification  
Deliberate creation  
Mixed lect

YARON MATRAS  
PETER BAKKER  
(editors)

Trends  
in Linguistics

The  
Mixed Language  
Debate

Theoretical and Empirical Advances

2003

*Genetic  
linguistics  
and mixed  
languages*



ocial Motivations for

# Code switching

Evidence from Africa

1993

Carol Myers-Scotton

## Duelling Languages

Grammatical Structure  
in Codeswitching

1993

Carol Myers-Scotton

# Code-switching

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Los Angeles

## Cognition generative grammar, minimalism, optimality

A Minimalist Approach to Intrasentential Code Switching:  
Spanish-Nahuatl Bilingualism in Central Mexico

A dissertation submitted in partial satisfaction of the  
requirements for the degree Doctor of Philosophy  
in Education

by

Jeffrey MacSwan

1997

Conversational code-switching

Situational code-switching

We-code *vs.* they-code

Free-morphem, equivalence constraints

Markedness Model, Matrix Language Frame,  
4M Model.

# Dialects in Contact

PETER TRUDGILL

BASIL BLACKWELL

1986

Short and long-term  
accommodation

Intermediate forms  
Dialect mixture  
Interdialect  
Hyperdialectalisms

Focused and diffuse varieties  
Levelling  
koinéization,..

(U. Weinreich 1953: 1) : « ... *It is immaterial whether the two systems are ‘languages’, ‘dialects of the same language’, or ‘varieties of the same dialect.’* »

... *the mechanisms of interference, abstracted from the amount of interference, would appear to be the same whether the contact is between Chinese and French or between two sub-varieties of English used by neighboring families.* ».

*Dialectology*

BERND KORTMANN  
(Editor)

2003

Trends  
in Linguistics

Dialectology  
meets Typology

Dialect Grammar

## Language and Linguistic Area

Essays by  
Murray B. Emerick

Edited and introduced by  
Alexei A. Yemelyanov

1980

Oxford  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

## Grammars in Contact

A Cross-Linguistic Typology

Edited by

Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

2007

*Areal  
diffusion*

CAMBRIDGE  
APPROACHES  
TO LANGUAGE  
CONTACT

## A Linguistic Geography of Africa

Edited by  
Bernd Heine and Derek Nurse



2007

CAMBRIDGE

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LANGUAGE  
COMPANION  
SERIES 90

From Linguistic Areas  
to Areal Linguistics

Edited by  
Pieter Muysken

JOHN BENJAMINS PUBLISHING COMPANY

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2000

Oxford  
LINGUISTICS

2001

## Areal Diffusion and Genetic Inheritance

Problems in Comparative  
Linguistics

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and R. M. W. Dixon

Language Typology and  
Language Universals  
**Sprachtypologie und  
sprachliche Universalien**  
**La typologie des langues et  
les universaux linguistiques**

An International Handbook  
Ein internationales Handbuch  
Manuel international

Volume 1  
1. Halbband  
Tome 1

deGruyter

2001

(S. Thomason 2001 : 99) “A linguistic area is a geographical region containing a group of three or more languages that share some structural features as a result of contact rather than as a result of accident or inheritance from a common ancestor.”

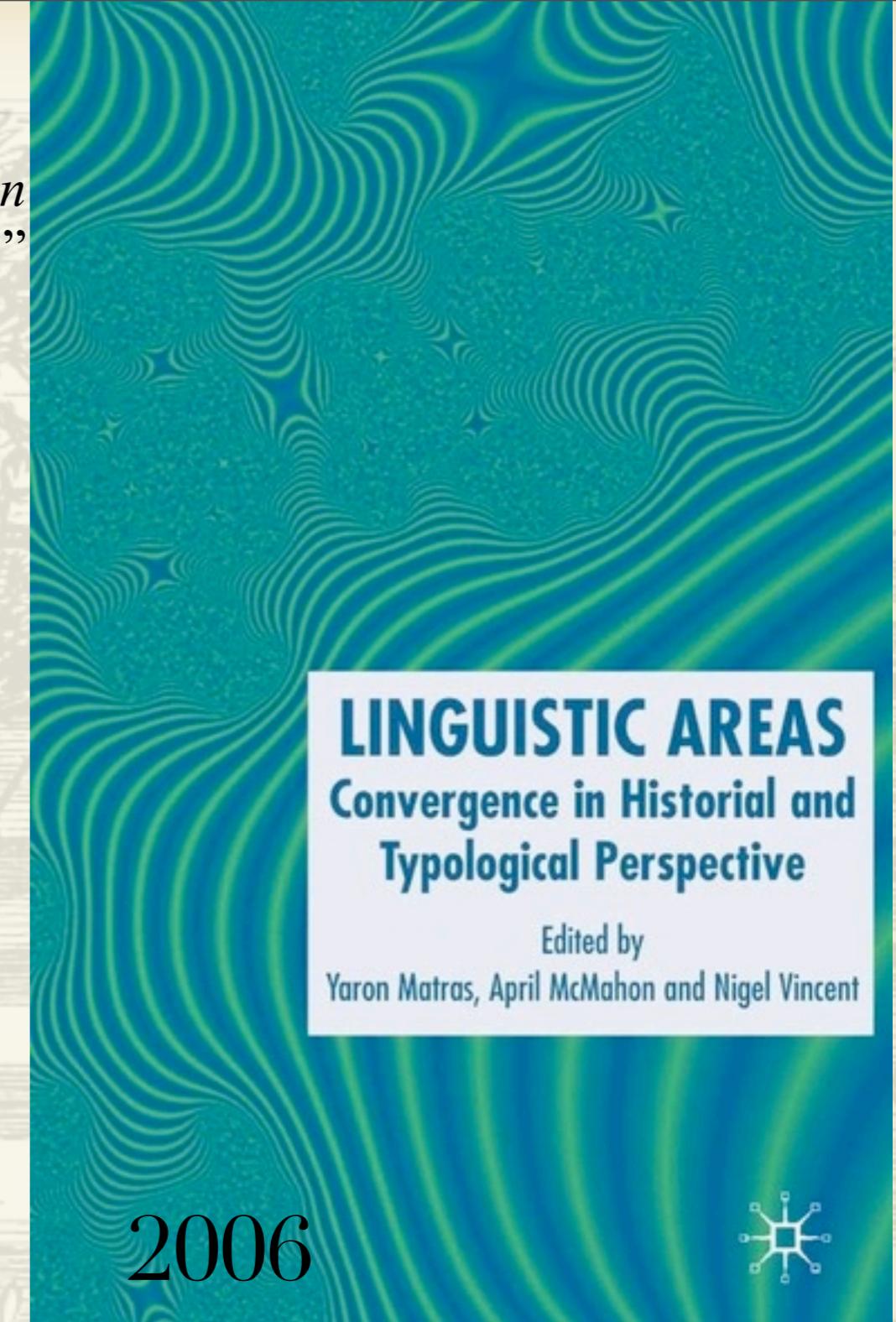
“The reason for requiring three or more languages is that calling two-language contact situations linguistic areas would trivialize the notion of a linguistic area, which would then include all of the world’s contact situations except long-distance contacts.”

(L. Campbell 2006)

“(1) We should abandon the search for definitive definition of ‘linguistic area’.

(2) Areal linguistics is not distinct from borrowing/diffusion in general.

(3) If we succeeded in determining what changes have taken place, and how, when, and why they took place, we will have succeeded in providing all the information underlying traditional notions of linguistic areas.”



Areal  
diffusion

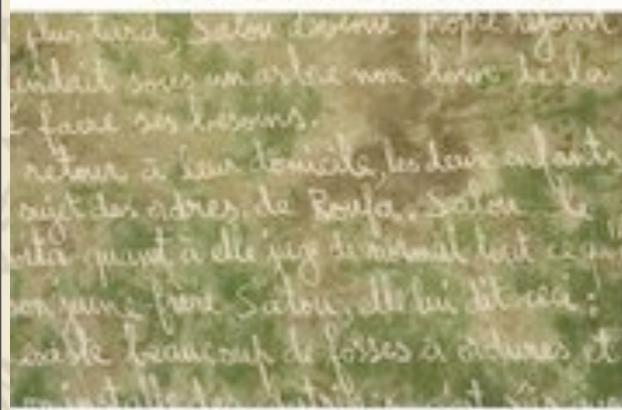
# Conceptualizations and theories...

*Linguistic-oriented:*

- Metatypy
- Grammaticalization
- A general unifying contact-linguistic theory

*Social-oriented:*

- Focussing
- Crossing



Frederic P. Miller, Agnes F. Vandome, John  
McBrewster (Ed.)

## Metatypy

Morphology (linguistics), Semantics, Language Change,  
Language Contact, Multilingualism, Malcolm Ross, Calque,  
Metalinguistic analysis, Second Language, Loanword,  
Language Transfer.

(1996...)

2009



Metatypy, semantics  
Language change  
Language contact

Diagnosing contact

Tightknit communities

Polylectal communities

Open communities

**Exploring metatypy: how does  
contact-induced typological  
change come about?**

Malcolm D. Ross, 1999

## Modified Language

Takia (Oceanic)  
Mixe Basque  
Asia Minor Greek (Indo-European))

## Inter-community Language

Waskia (Trans New Guinea)  
Gascon (Italic)  
Turkish (Turkic)

# Metatypy

*« Usually, the language undergoing metatypy (**the modified language**) is emblematic of its speakers' identity, whilst the language which provides the **metatypic model** is an **inter-community language**.*

# A Conceptual Framework

Bernd Heine, Ulrike Claudi,  
and Friederike Hünnemeyer

C A L I  
Z A T I  
O N  
1991

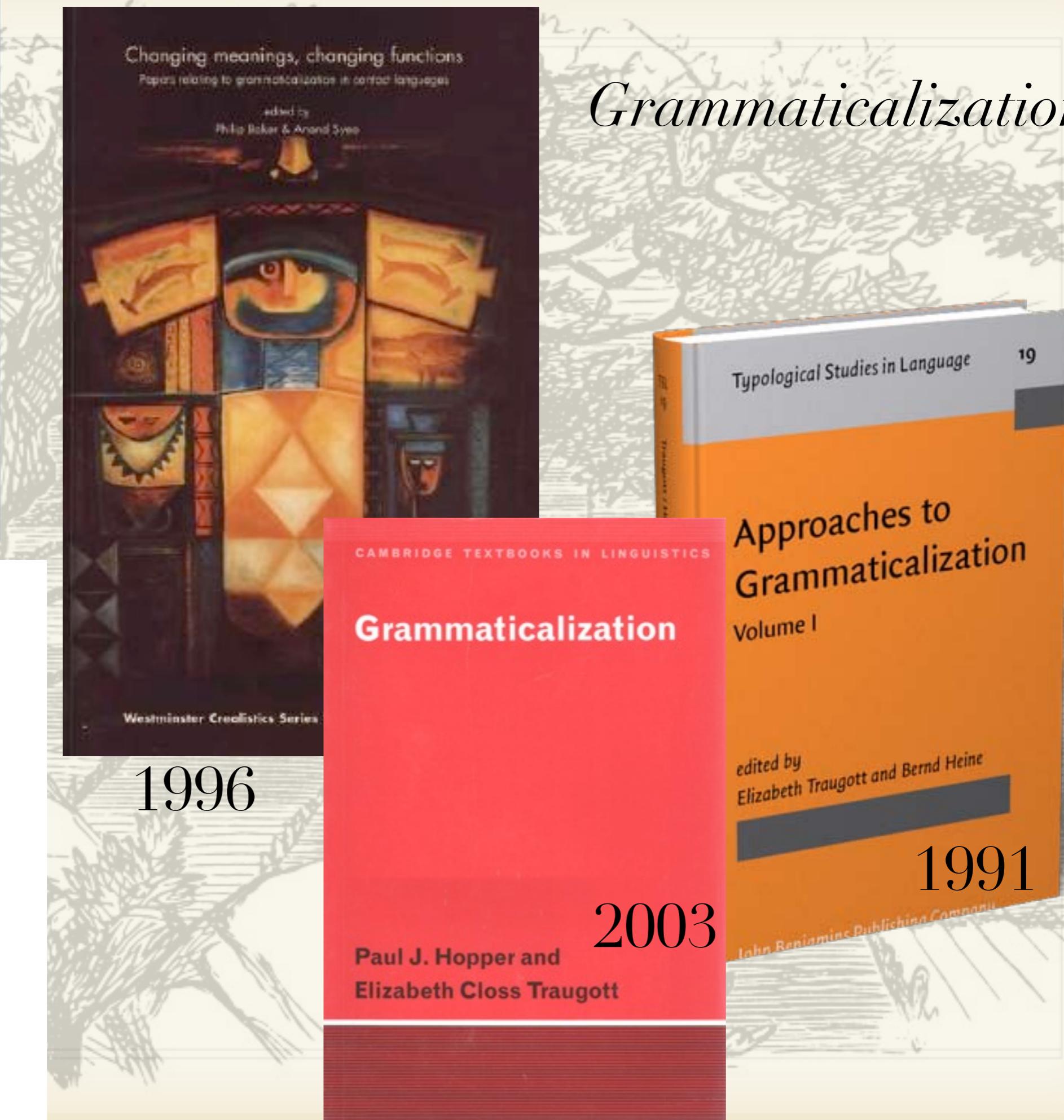
Bernd Heine / Mechthild Reh

Grammaticalization and Resynthesis  
in African Languages

1984



HELMUT BUSKE VERLAG HAMBURG



Grammaticalization

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Typological Studies in Language

Approaches to  
Grammaticalization

Volume I

edited by  
Elizabeth Traugott and Bernd Heine

1991

2003

Paul J. Hopper and  
Elizabeth Closs Traugott

John Benjamins Publishing Company

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# George Lakoff Women, Fire, and Dangerous Things

*What Categories Reveal  
about the Mind*

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1987

*Grammaticalization*

Cognitive  
Foundations  
of  
Grammar

Bernd Heine

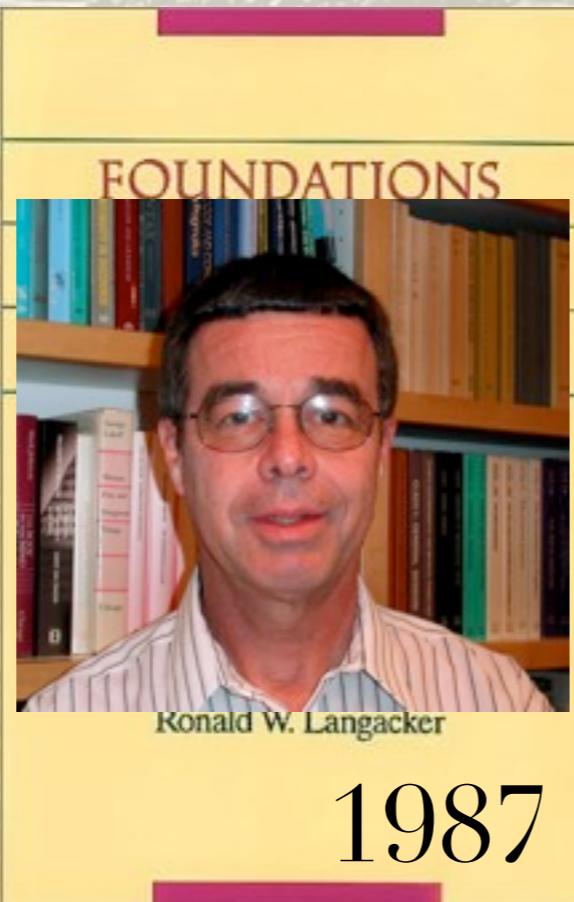
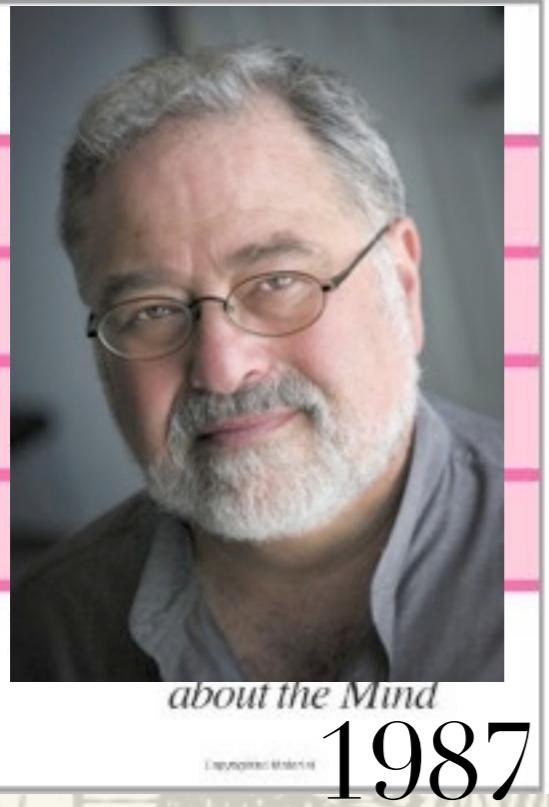
1997

## FOUNDATIONS OF COGNITIVE GRAMMAR

VOLUME I  
Theoretical Prerequisites

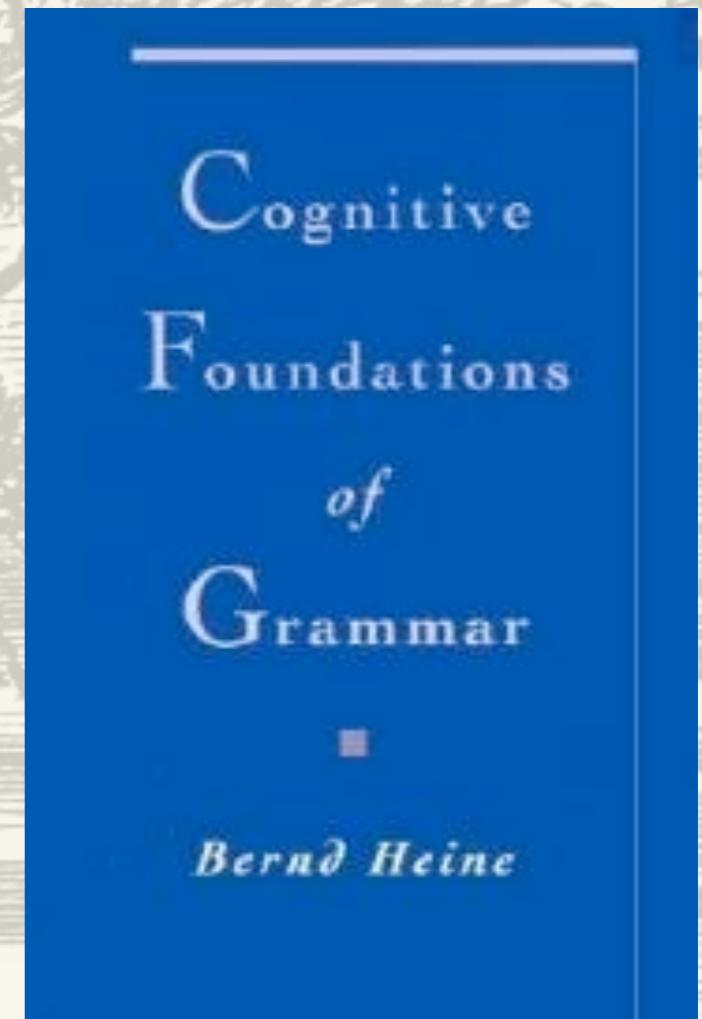
Ronald W. Langacker

1987



Use pattern  
Unidirectionality  
Extension  
Desemantization  
Decategorialization  
Erosion

# Grammaticalization

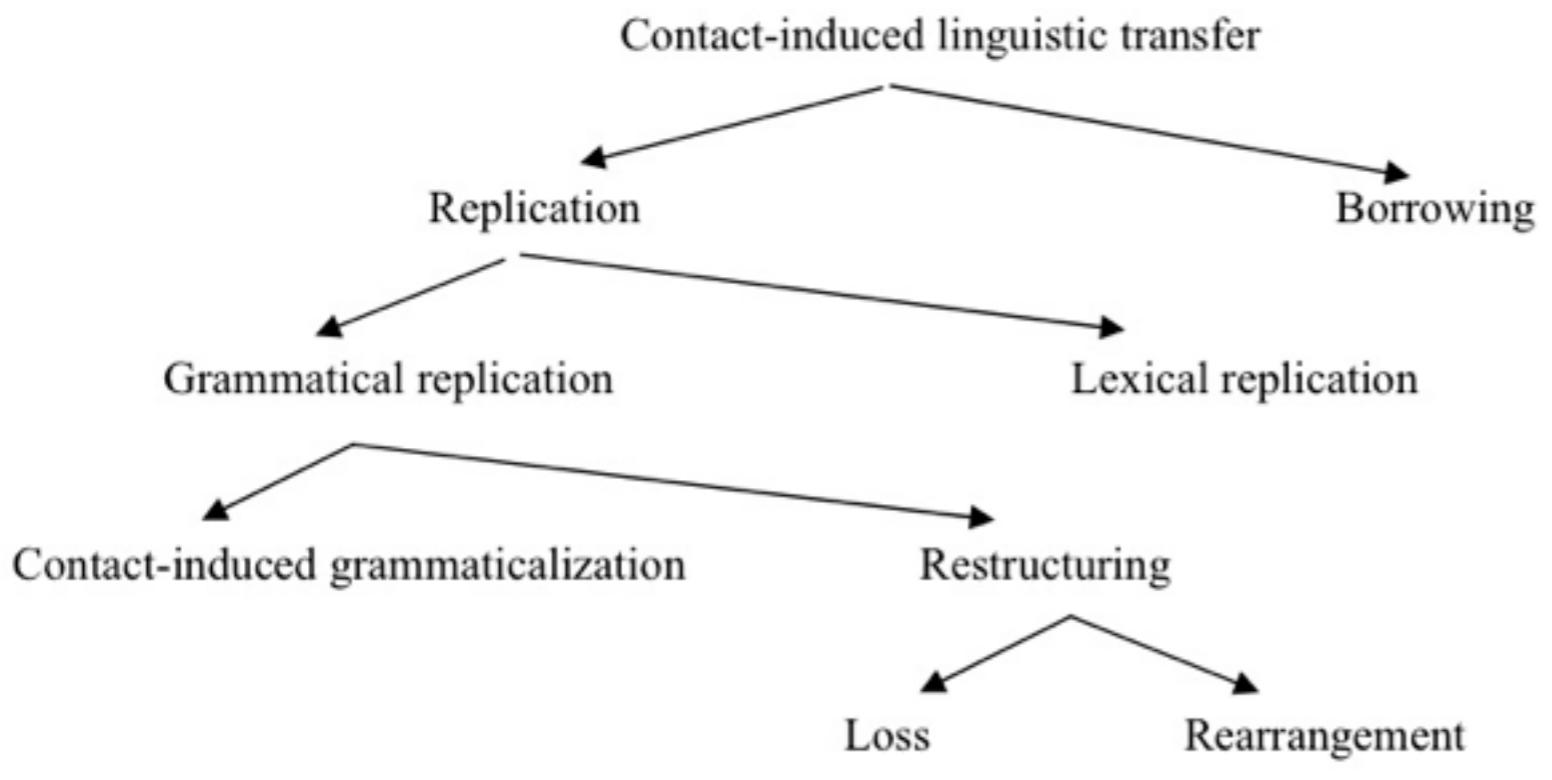


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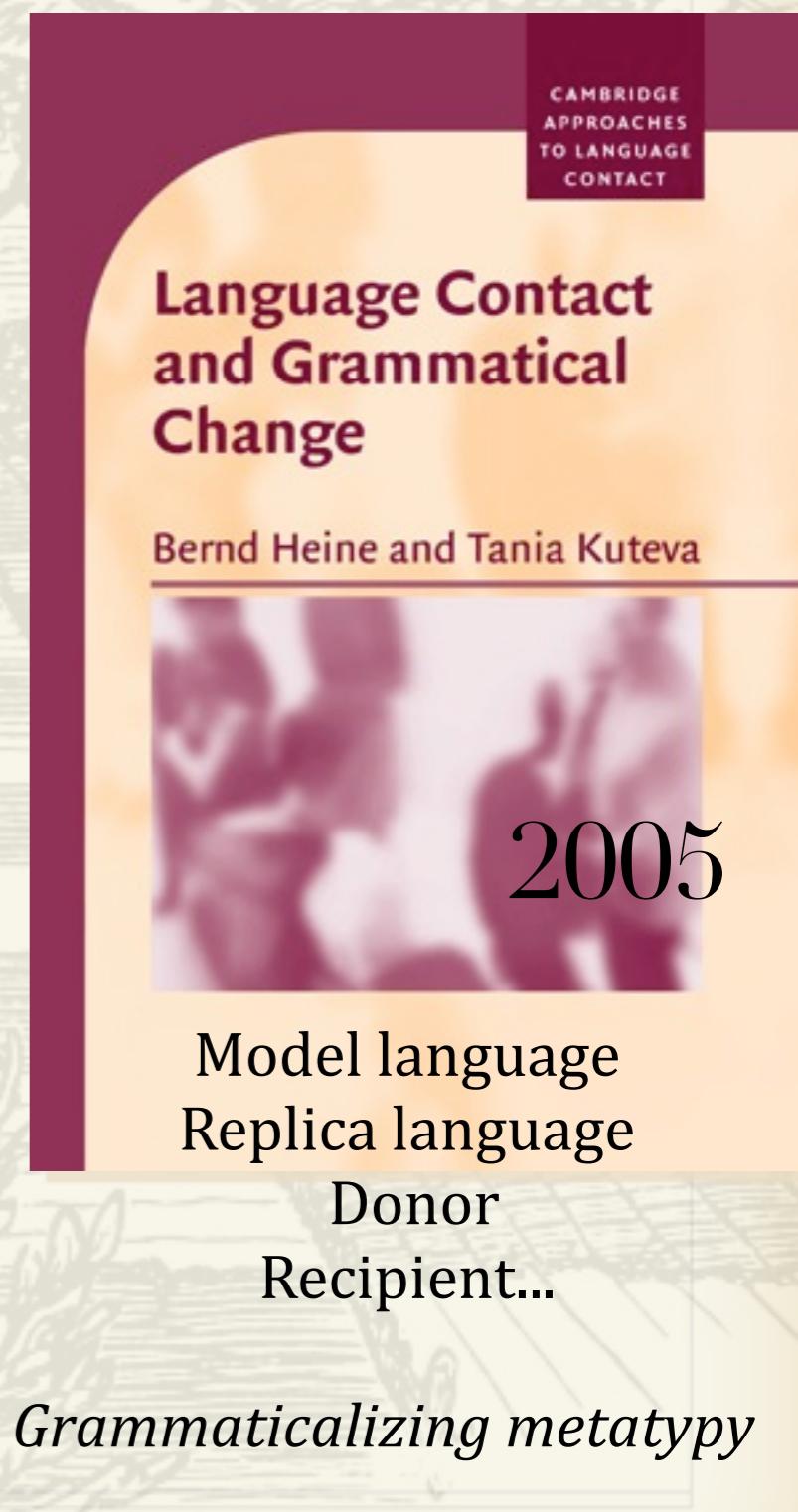
# *Ordinary contact-induced grammaticalization*

- a. Speakers notice that in language M there is a grammatical category **Mx**
- b. They create an equivalence category **Rx** in language **R** on the basis of the use patterns available in **R**
- c. To this end, they draw on universal strategies of grammaticalization, using construction **Ry** in order to develop **Rx**
- d. they grammaticalize **Ry** to **Rx**.

Figure 1. Main types of contact-induced linguistic transfer.



# *Grammaticalization*



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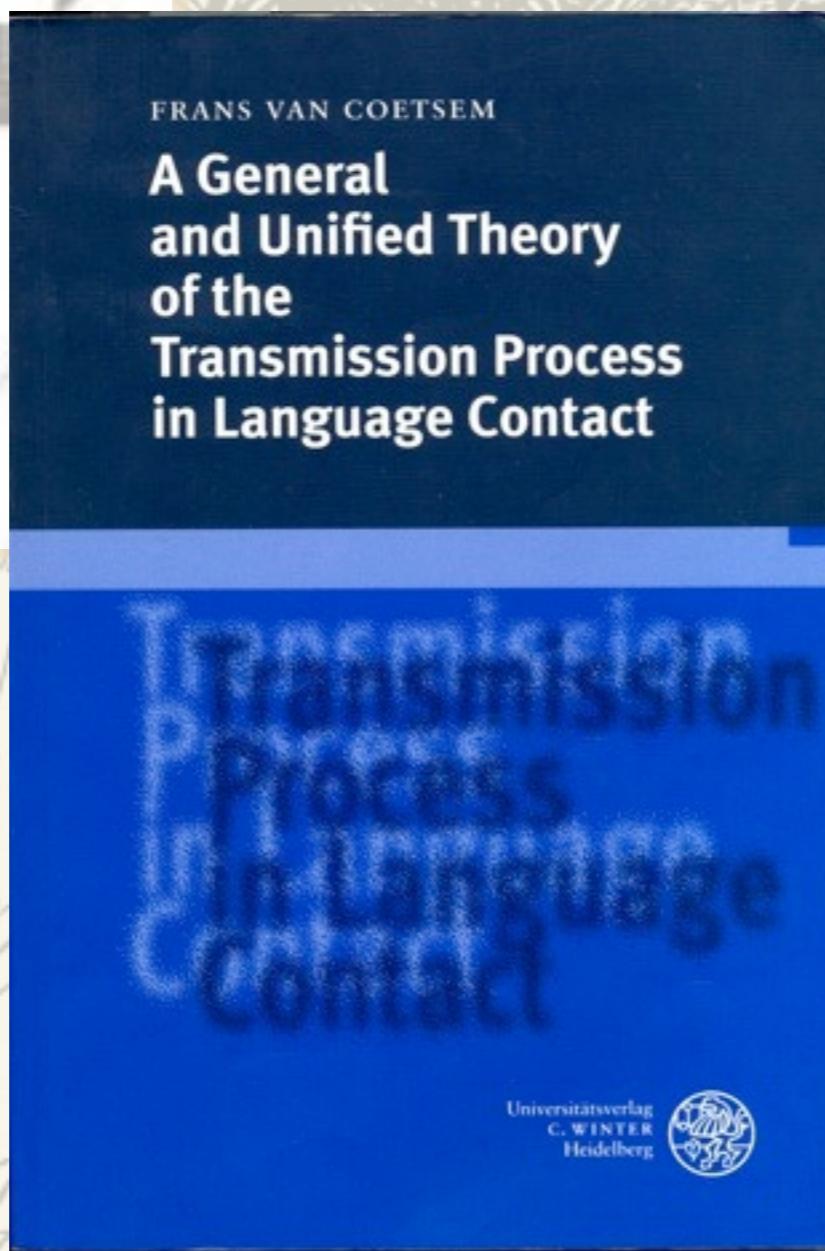
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# *A general unifying contact-linguistic theory*

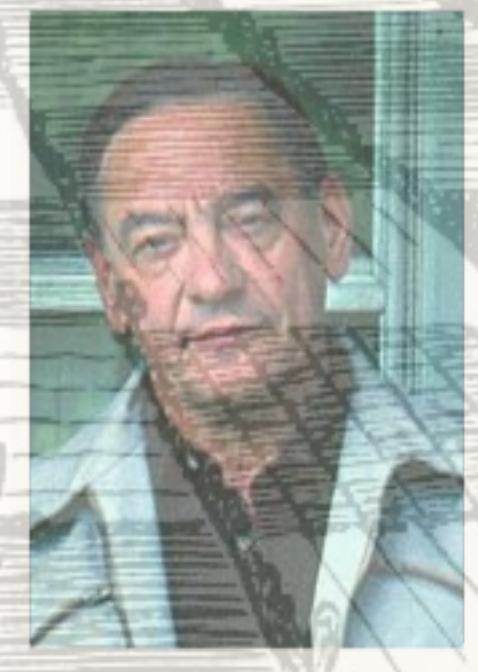
Substrat // Adstrat // Superstrat

Maintenance // Shift

Transfer // Borrowing

SL Agentivity, imposition // RL agentivity,  
borrowing

Unidirectional // Bidirectional  
Linguistic dominance



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# *A general unifying contact-linguistic theory*

### **Elaboration on some key notions**

(Fr. Van Coetsem, 2000: 63-72)

'adaptation' and 'imitation' in RL agentivity vs. 'imposition' and 'acquisition' in SL agentivity.

### Adaptation

## RL agentivity      SL agentivity

*Adaptation to RL*      *imposition by SL*

## Imitation

## RL agentivity                    SL agentivity

*Borrowing of SL*                    *Acquisition of RL*

RL agency  
borrowing transfer      SL agency  
imposition transfer <-

**imitation**      ->      *Borrowing of SL*      *Acquisition of RL*  
**adaptation**      adaptation to RL      imposition by SL <-

### *The operations in the totality of RL agentivity or borrowing*

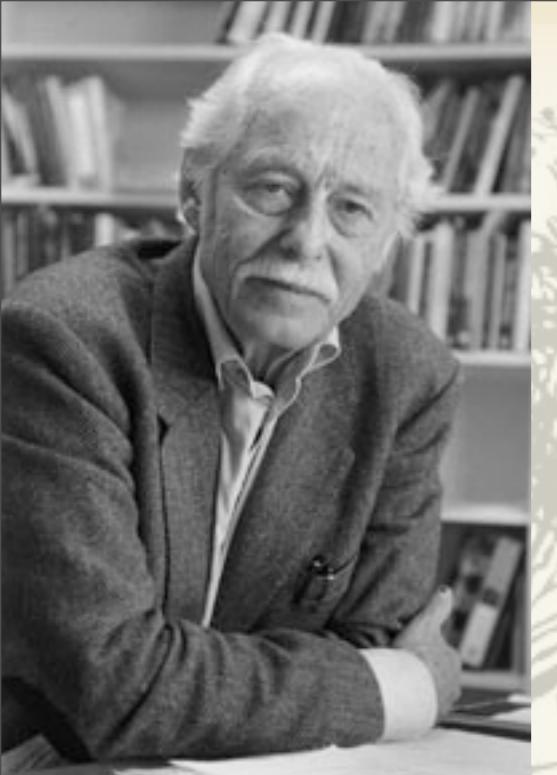
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graph TD
    A[Adaptation] --//--> B[interacting with]
    B --//--> C[imitation]
    C --//--> D[inclusion]
    D --> E[integration]
    D --//--> F["(actual borrowing event)"]
    F --//--> G["[- native]"]
    F --//--> H["+ native"]
    G --> I["socially motivated"]
    G --> J["(need, prestige)"]
    H --> K["system-determined"]
    H --> L["(RL-determined)"]
  
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# anthroposocial backgrounds

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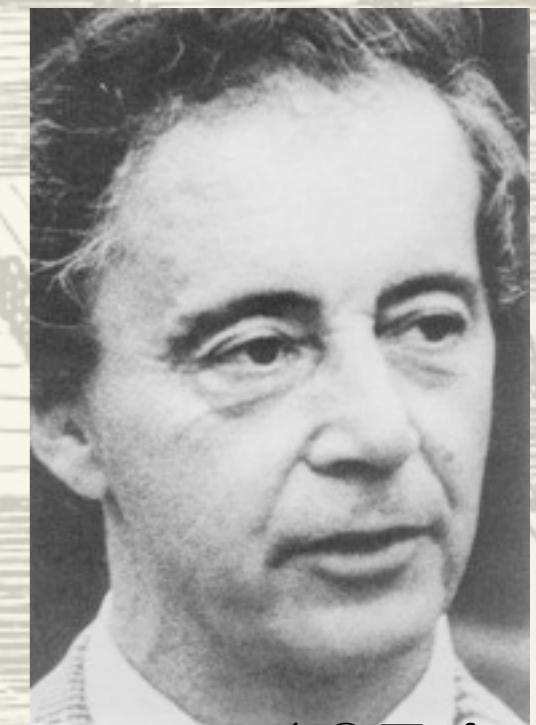


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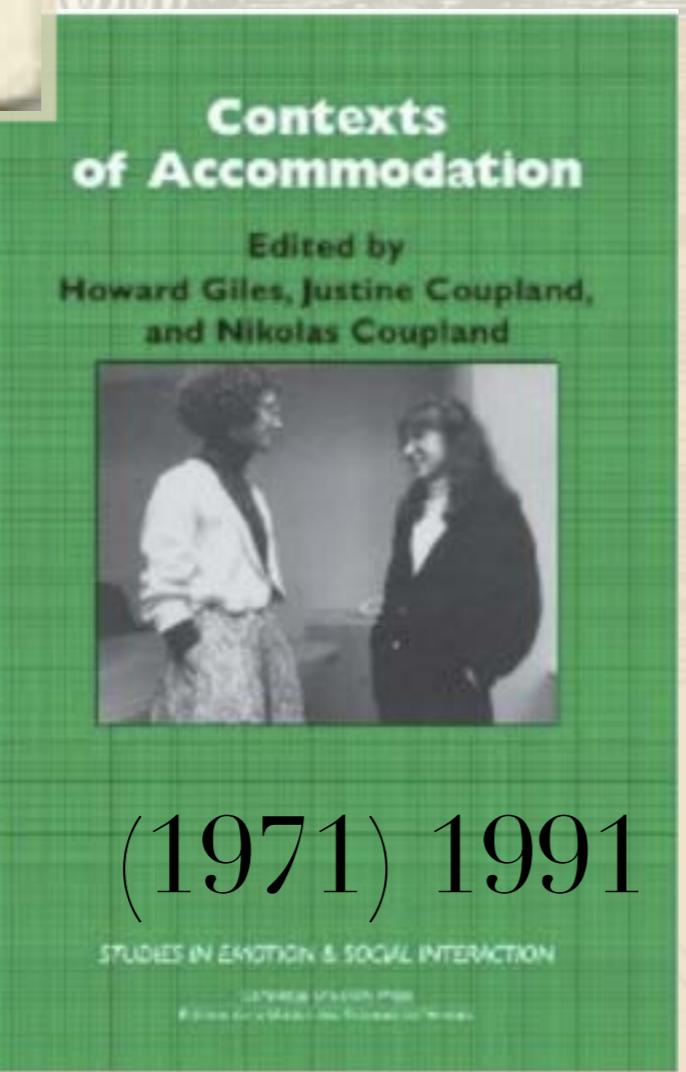
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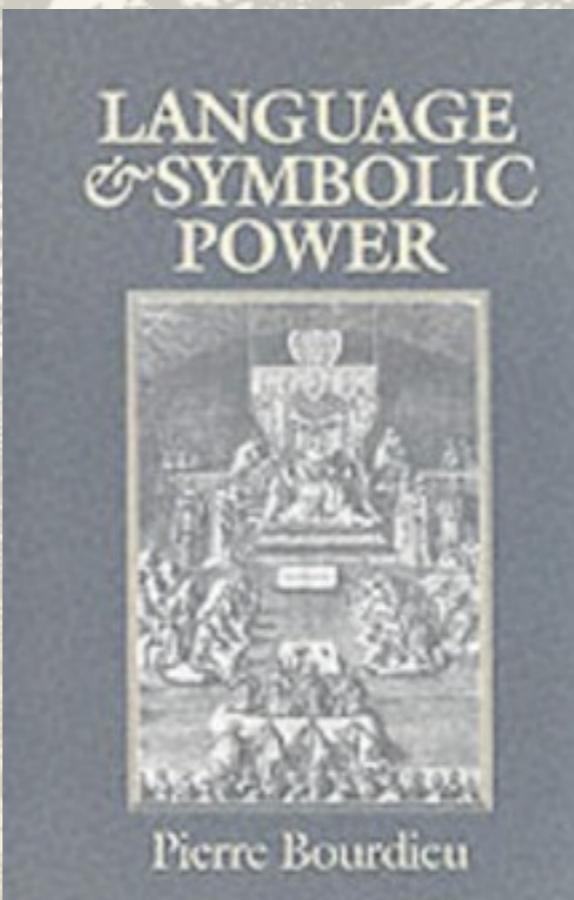
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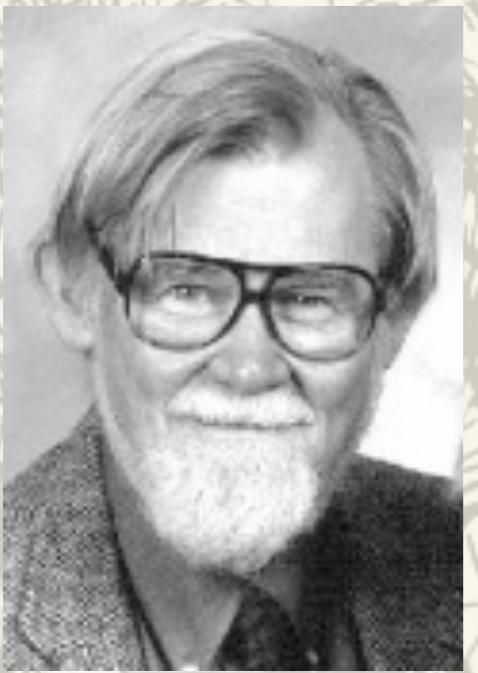
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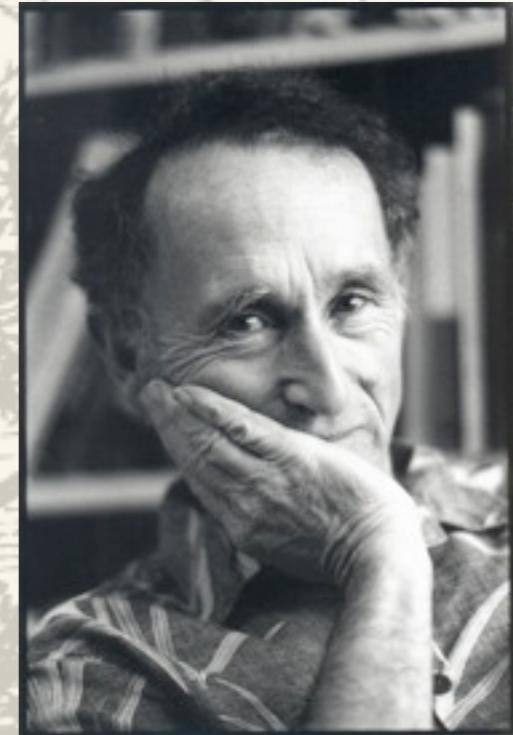
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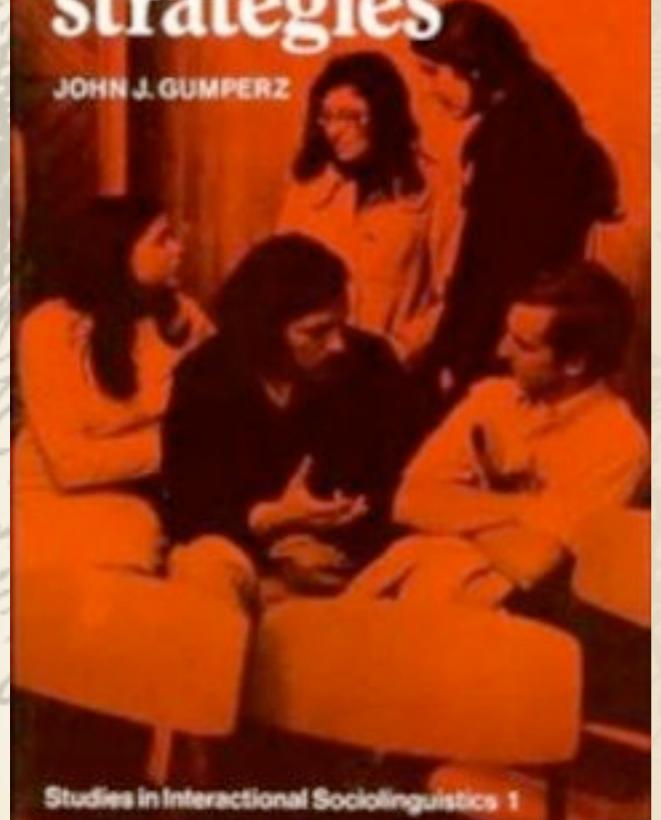
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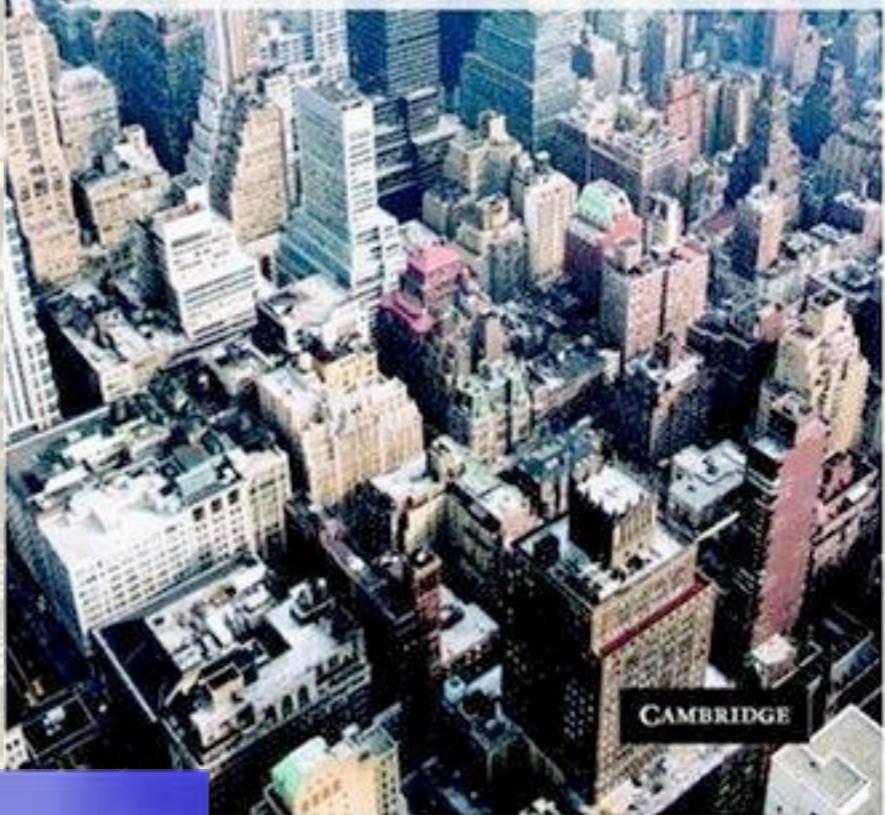
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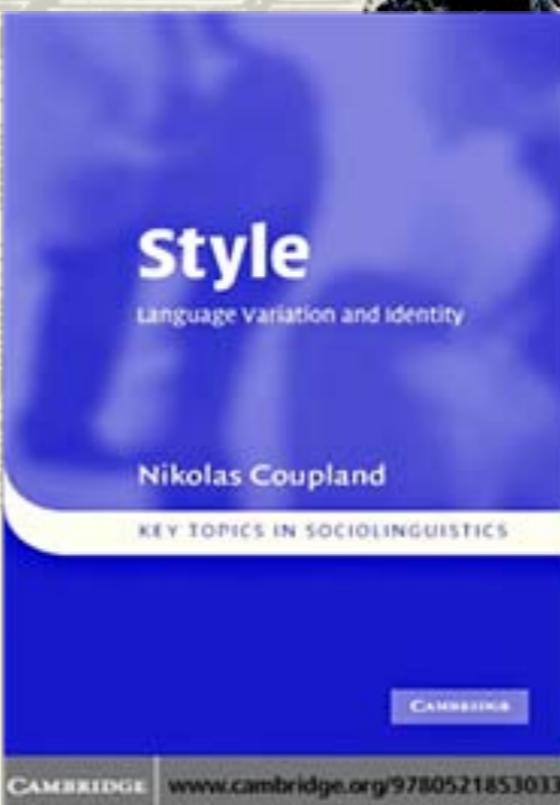
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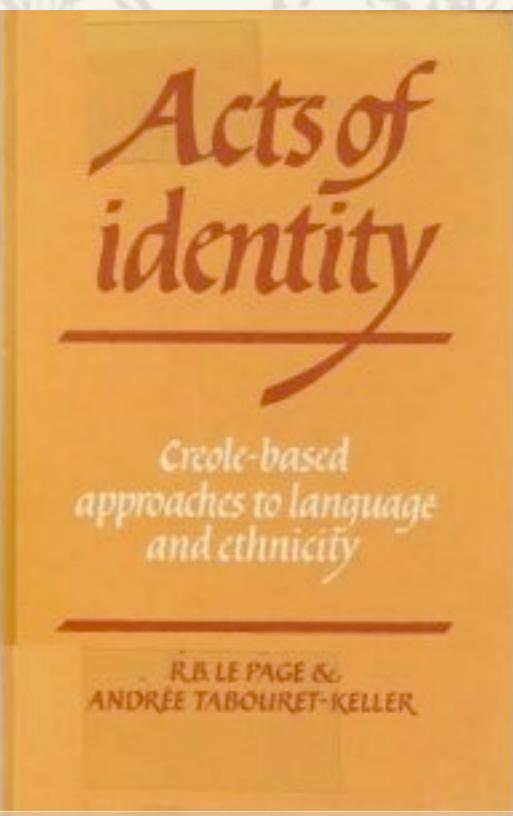
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# Projection, diffusion, focussing ; languages boundaries, group identities, stereotypes

« [T]he individual creates for himself the patterns of his linguistic behaviour so as to resemble those of the group or groups with which from time to time he wishes to be identified, or so as to be unlike those from whom he wishes to be distinguished (R. Le Page & A. Tabouret-Keller, 1985 : 181) »



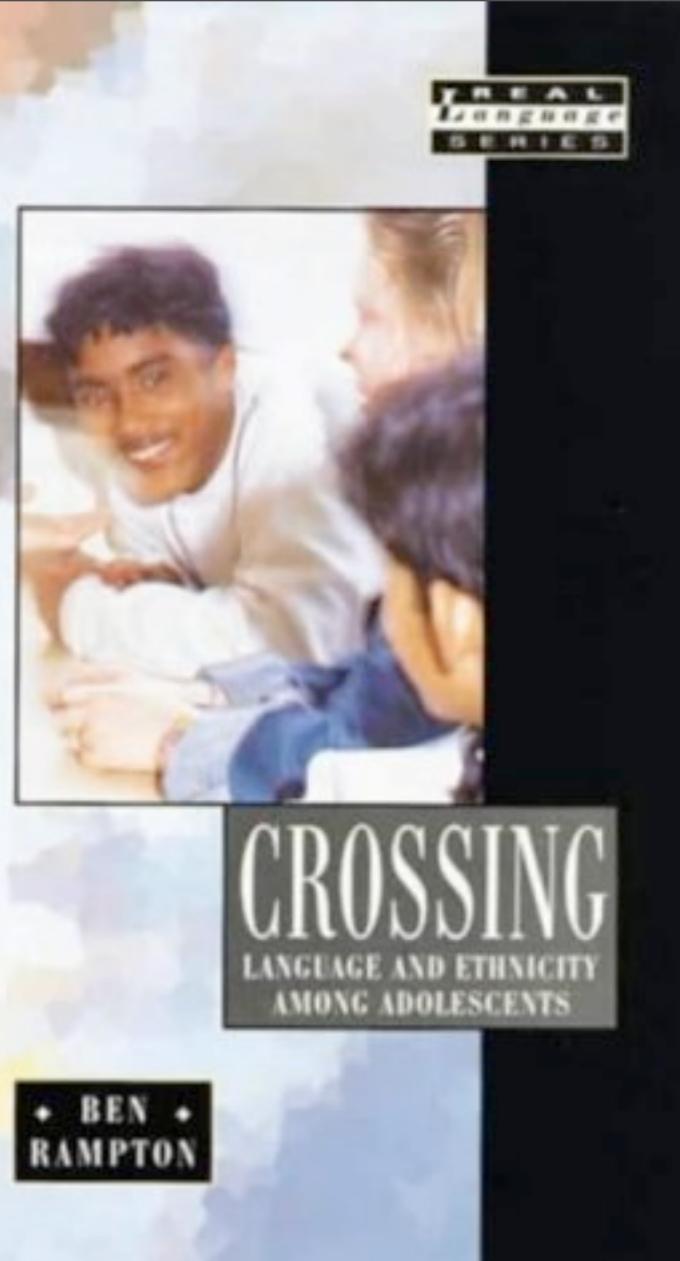
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Focussing...

← diffuse → focused

‘Instant pidgin’ trading on analogy and metaphor; context-bound	Natural languages..., including Creoles	Unchanging and eternal ‘language’ capable of expressing ‘truth’
Descriptions of behaviour, highly data-oriented, context-related	More idealized and abstract descriptions, more context-free	Wholly abstract ‘grammar’

*Focussing in linguistic behaviour related to focussing in linguistic description  
(2006 [1985], p. 202)*



2005

*Crosssing...*

(B. Rampton, Crossing, in A. Duranti (ed.), *Key Terms in Language and Culture*, Blackwell, 2001, pp. 49-51). “[Crossing] refers to the use of a language or variety that, in one way or another, feels anomalously “other”.

*“In terms of established sociolinguistic concepts, language crossing can be seen first as a form of code-switching...”*

*“ Seen from a second angle, crossing has a lot in common with the ... notion of artful “performance.”*

Mixed languages,  
Code switching,  
Linguistic areas...

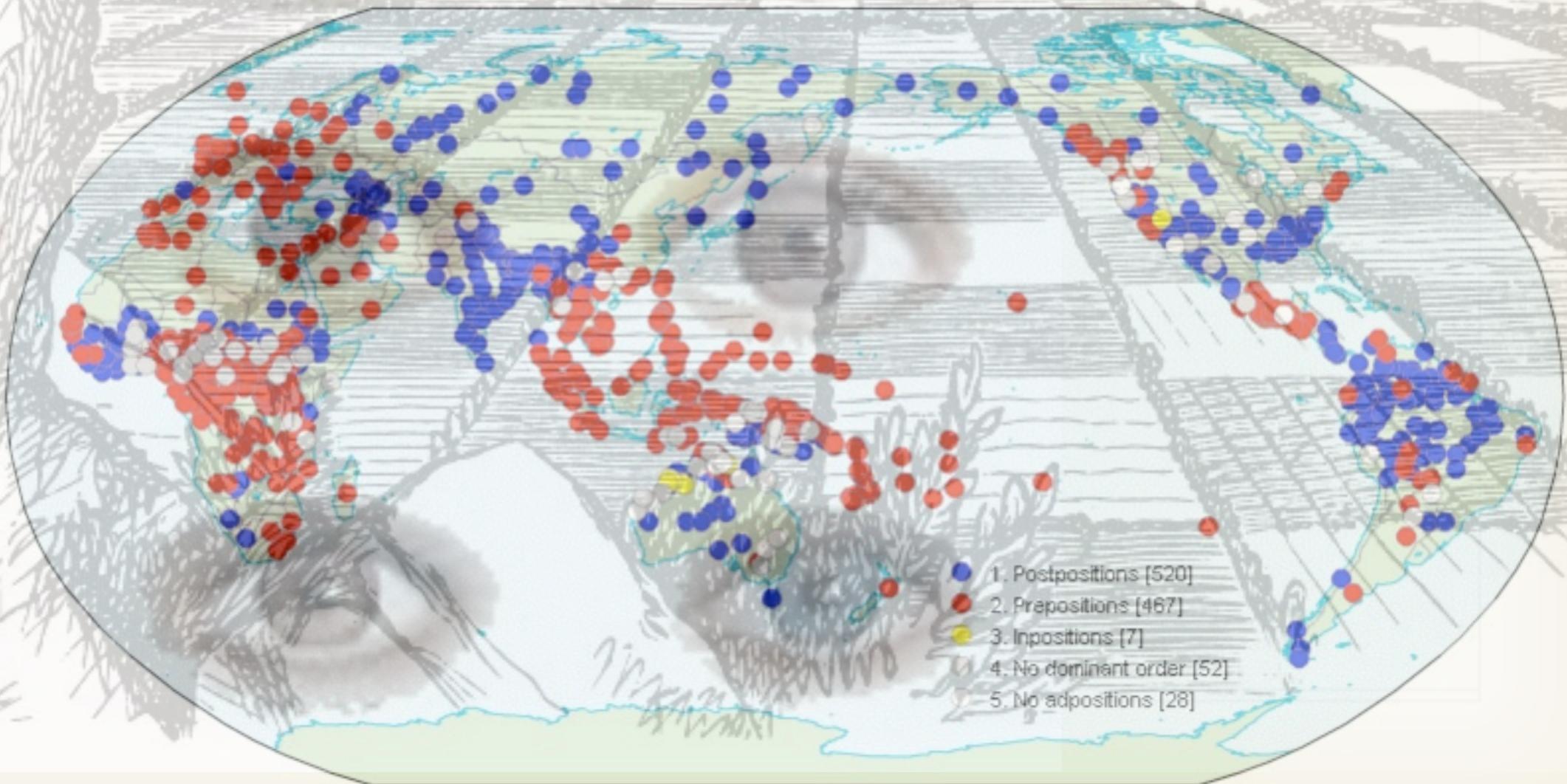
Some theoretical and methodological questions...

# Is the construction of our empirical objects specific ?

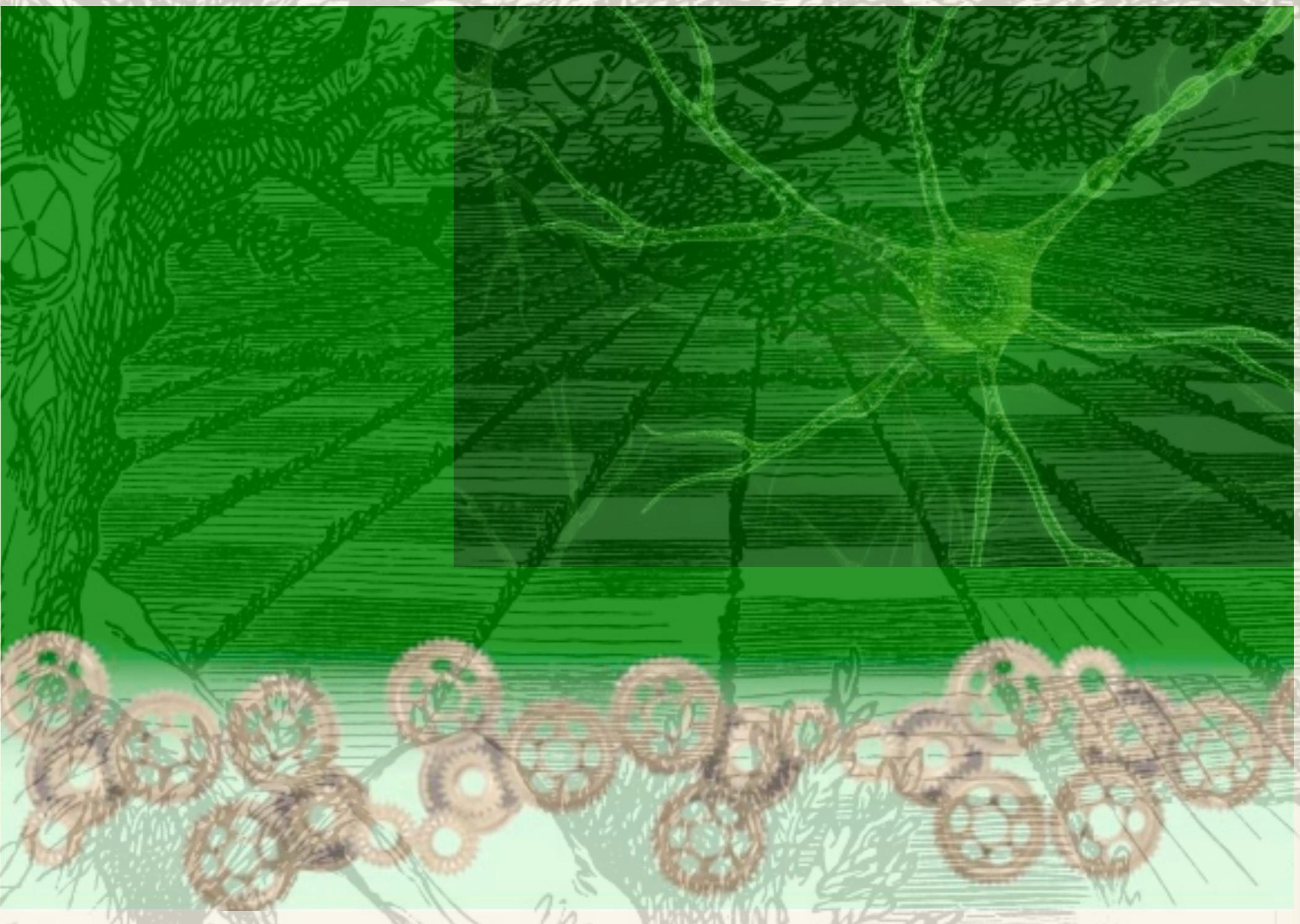


# What about typology?

Order of Adposition and Noun Phrase



# What about cognitive principles?

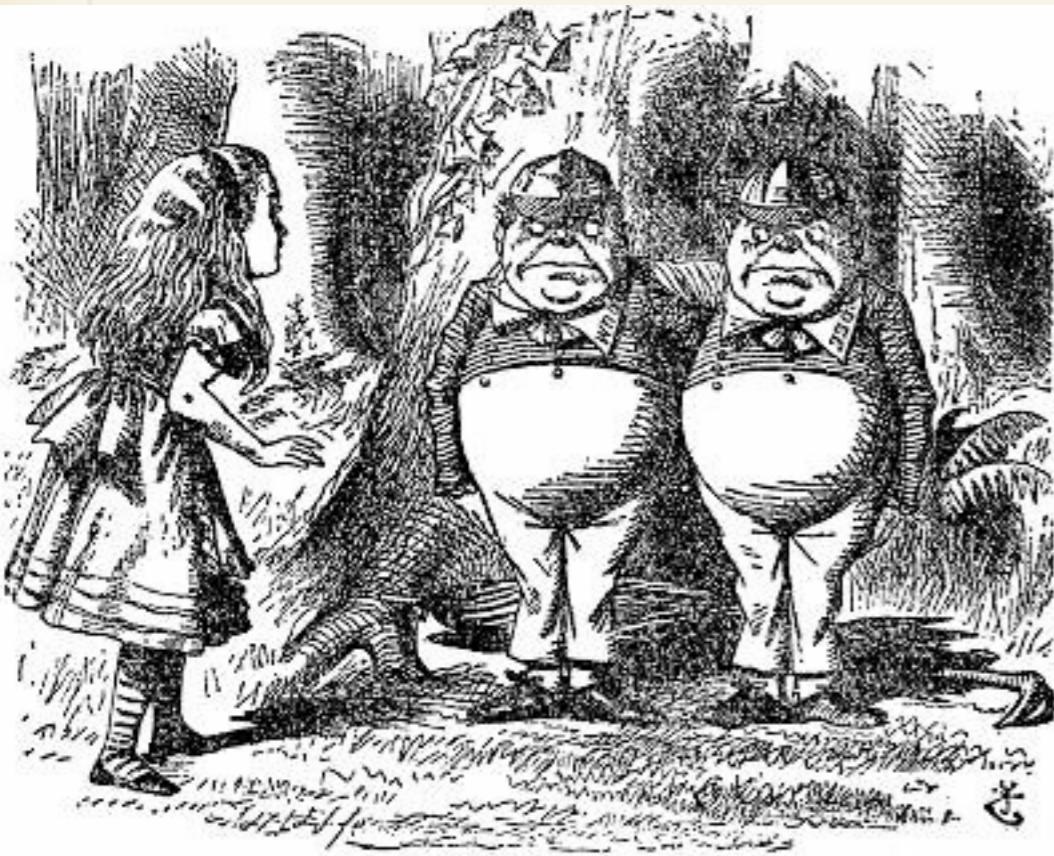


# La problématique du ‘contact caché’... *The hidden contact problem*

*Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There*

"*I know what you're thinking about,*" said Tweedledum : "*but it isn't so, nohow.*"

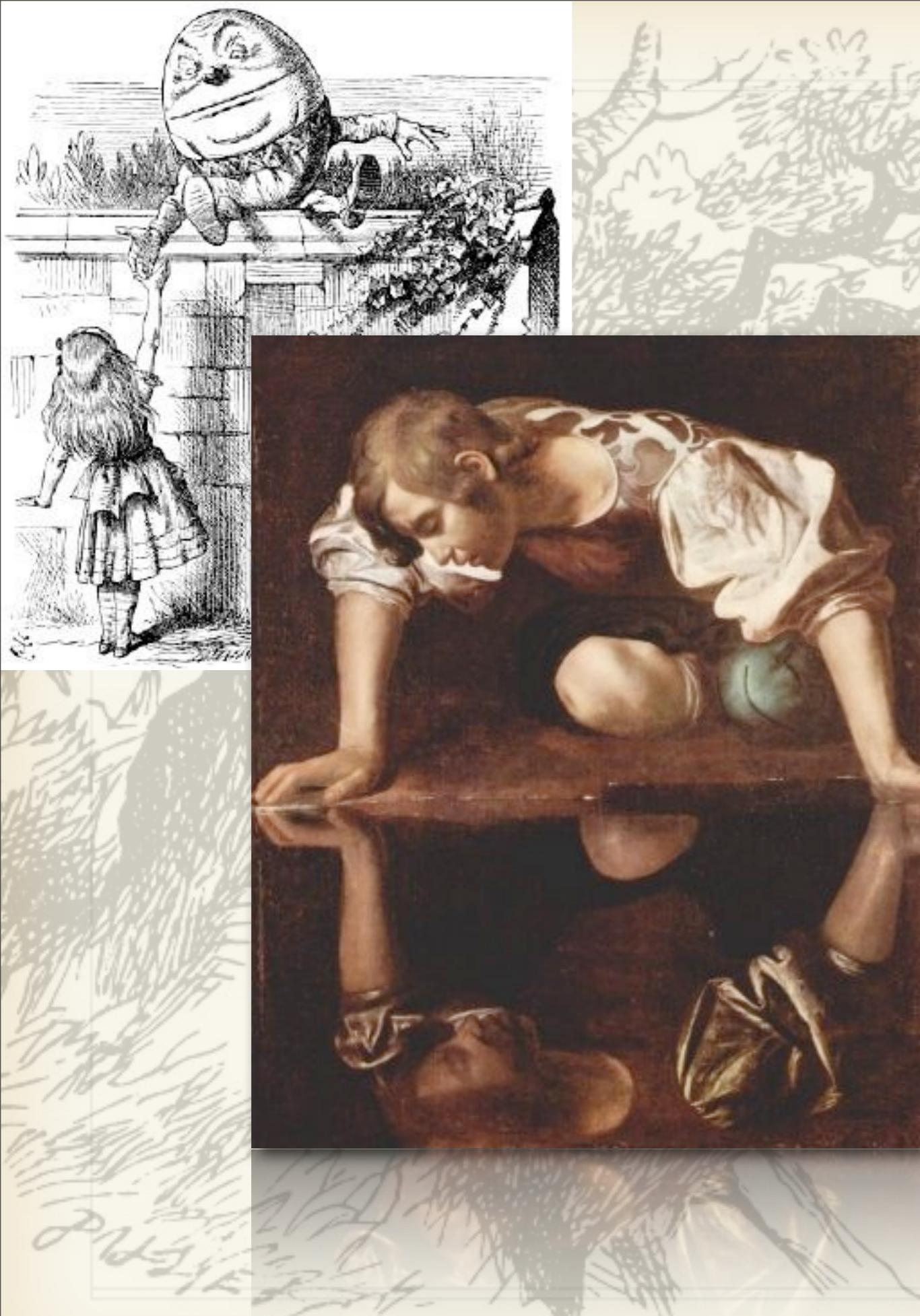
"*Contrariwise,*" continued Tweedledee, "*if it was so, it might be; and if it were so, it would be: but as it isn't, it ain't. That's logic.*"



John Tenniel's illustration of Tweedledum and Tweedledee, from *Through the Looking-Glass* (1871), chapter 4

"*I was thinking,*" Alice said very politely, "*which is the best way out of this wood : it's getting so dark. Would you tell me, please ?*"

**But the fat little men only looked at each other and grinned.**



Le ‘contact’ comme  
résultat théorique... *contact*  
*as a theoretical result*

Le procès de construction  
du sens... *the process of*  
*construction of meaning*

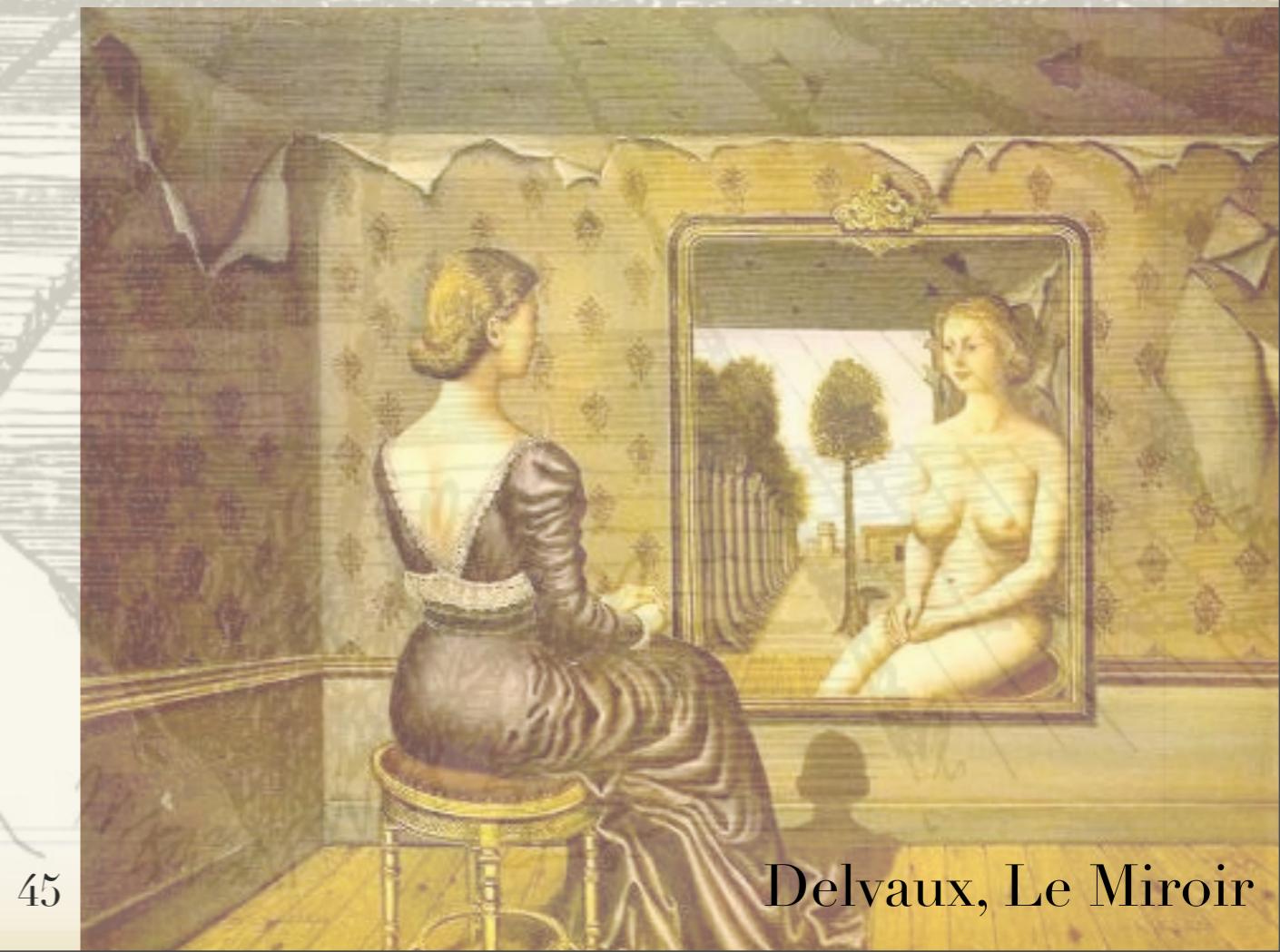
Communicateurs...  
*communicators*

‘Contact interne’...  
*an internal contact*

Le procès de  
construction du  
'sens' est complexe... *the  
construction of meaning is  
a complex matter*

L'action des  
communicateurs... *the  
action of the  
'communicators'*

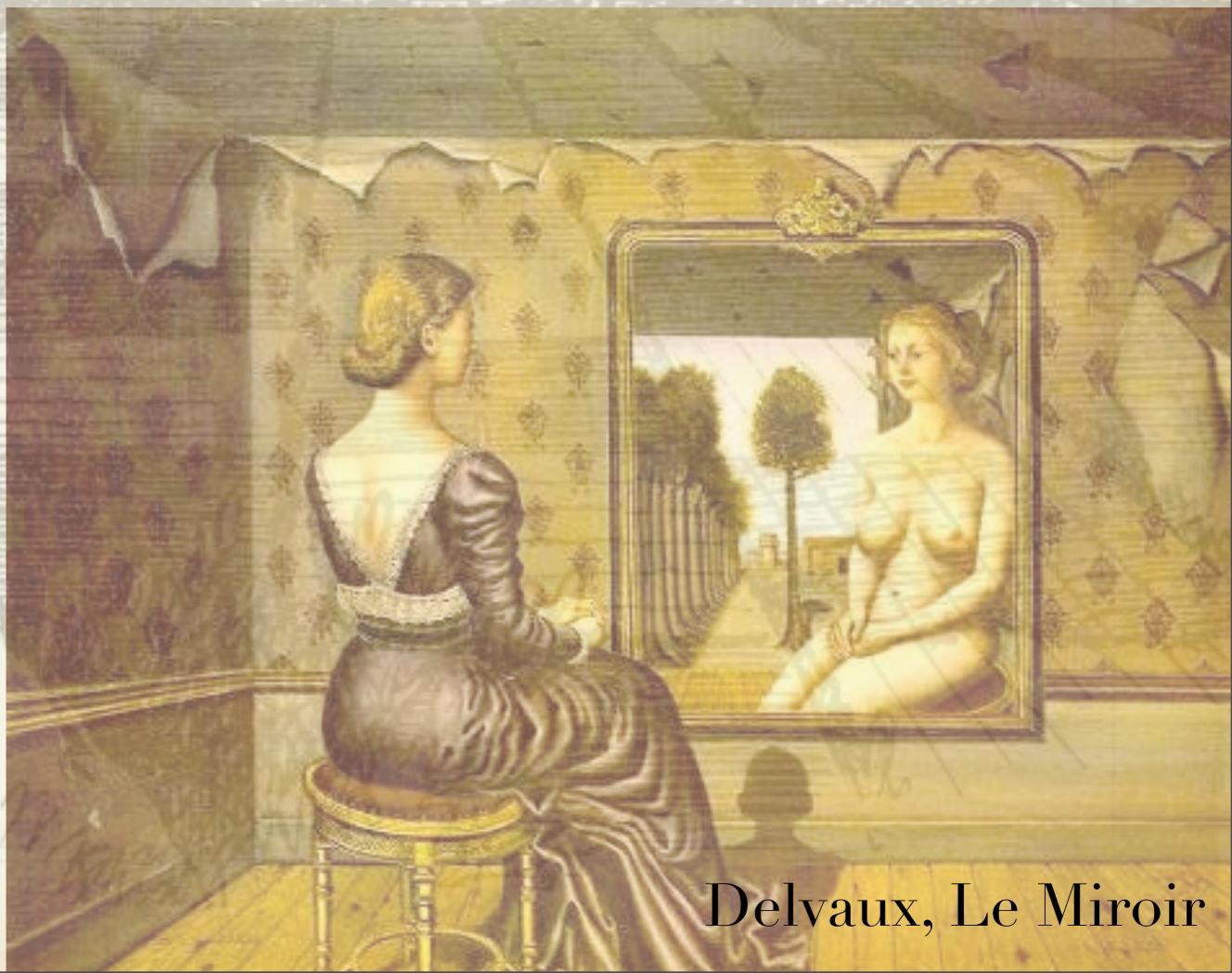
L'émergence des  
signes  
*...emergence of the  
signs*



# Une perspective sémiotique dynamique... *a dynamic view of semiotics*

Les communicateurs sont déterminants et déterminés dans le procès de communication...

*communicators are determining and determined in the meaning process*



Historicité... *historicity*

Clivage... *splitting*

Frontière interne...

*internal border*

Signe... *sign*

Répertoire non-fini... *non-finite*

*repertory*

Feuillettage... *fine*

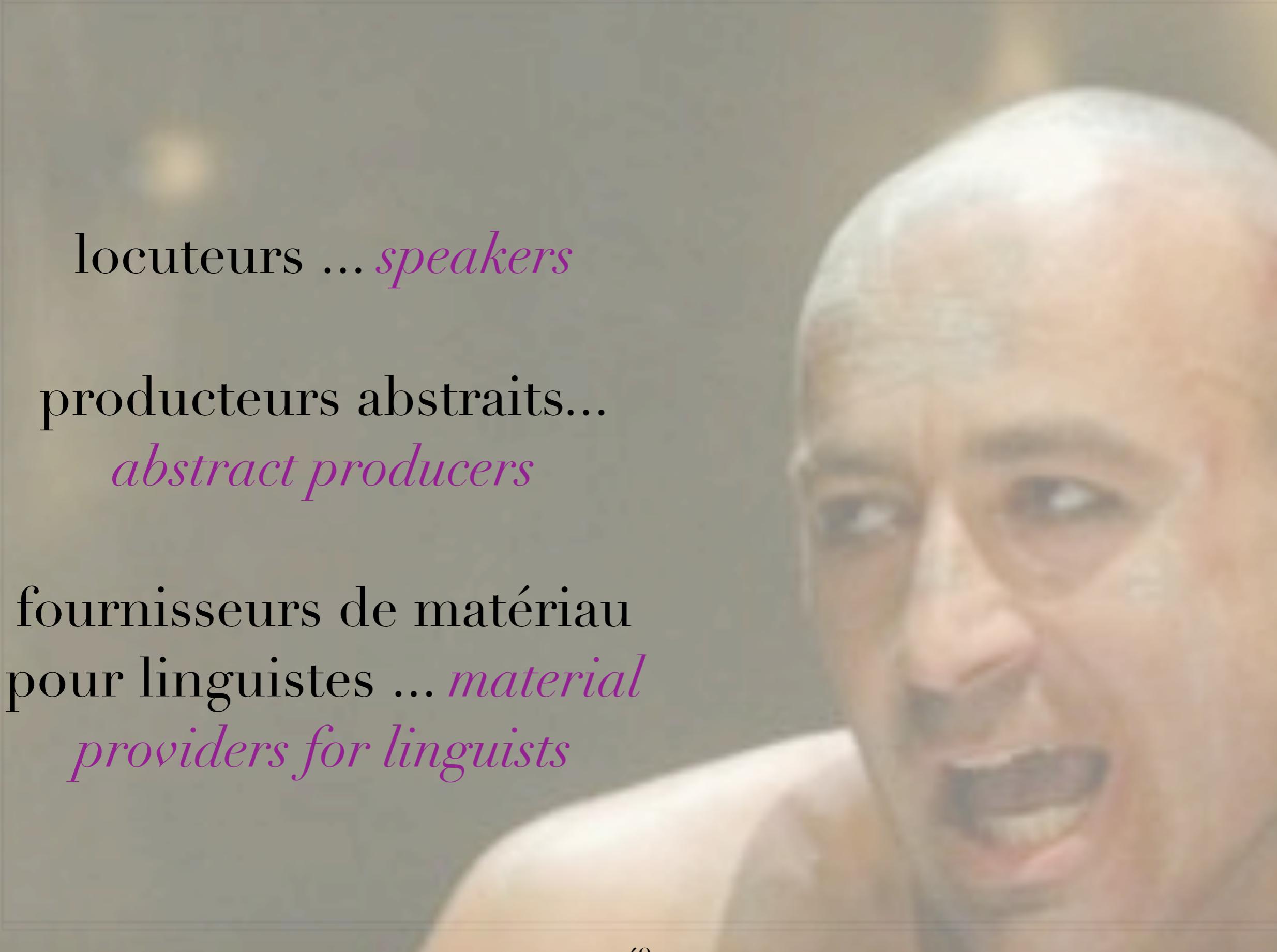
*layering*

acteur... *actor*





Place théorique des  
communicateurs... *the  
communicators' theoretical  
statut*



locuteurs ... *speakers*

producteurs abstraits...

*abstract producers*

fournisseurs de matériau  
pour linguistes ... *material*

*providers for linguists*

Acteurs... *actors*

Agents actifs... *active  
agents*

Signes... *signs*

Transformation des langues... *language  
change*

Création de sens... *creation of meaning*

Création de sens?...

*creation of meaning*

Rétention d'une historicité... *retention of historicity*

«Ad-venir»

Activité... *activity*

Activisme... *activism*



Acteurs séculiers... *secular actors*

Acteurs réguliers... *regular actors*



L'acteur... *the actor*

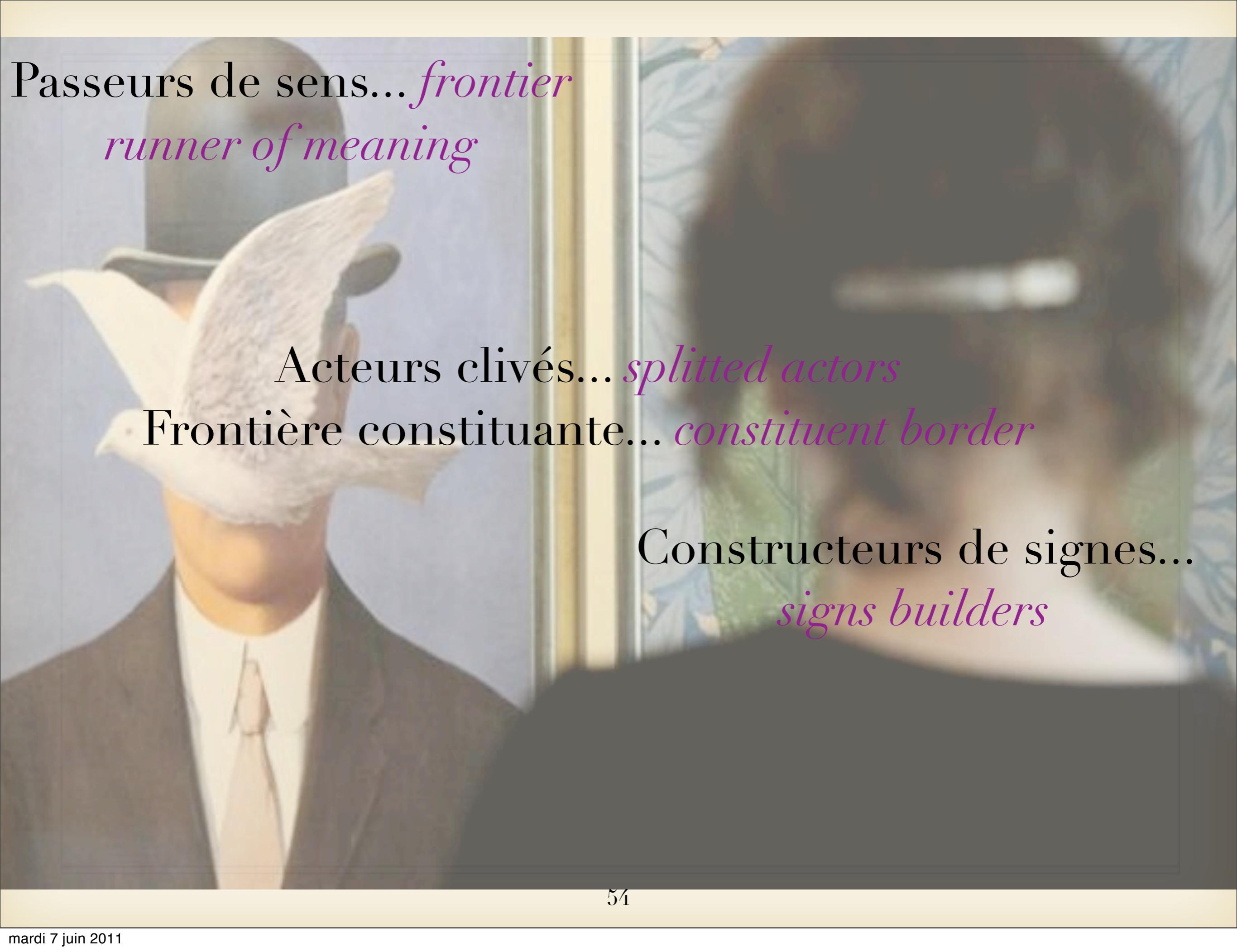
Notion clivée...  
*an splitted notion*

Distanciation interne...  
*internal distance*

Frontière  
intérieure...  
*internal border*

Contact interne...  
*contact inside*





Passeurs de sens... *frontier runner of meaning*

Acteurs clivés...  *splitted actors*  
Frontière constituante... *constituent border*

Constructeurs de signes...  
*signs builders*



*SIGNE... sign*



Rétention d'historicité...

*retention of historicity*

Distanciation...

*distancing*



Clivage...

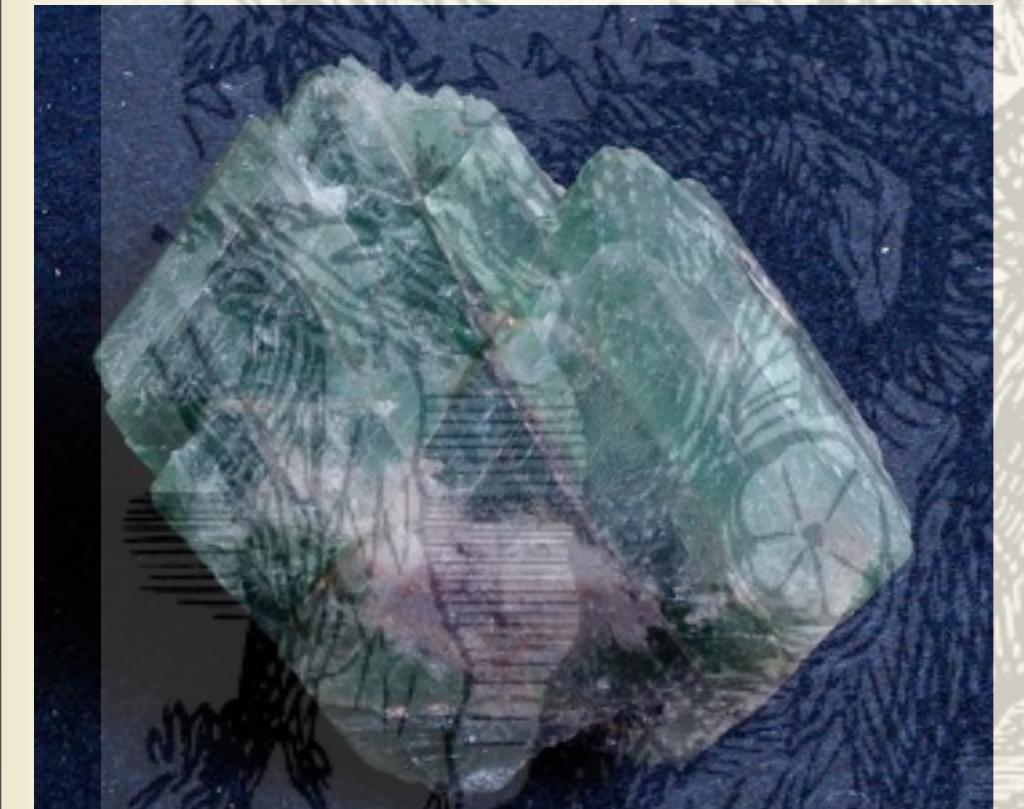
*splitting*

Frontière interne...

*internal border*



*SIGNE... sign*



Faire sens... *making meaning*

Prendre du sens...  
*sense making*

Avoir du sens...  
*have meaning*

Distanciation  
... *distancing*

Clivage... *splitting*



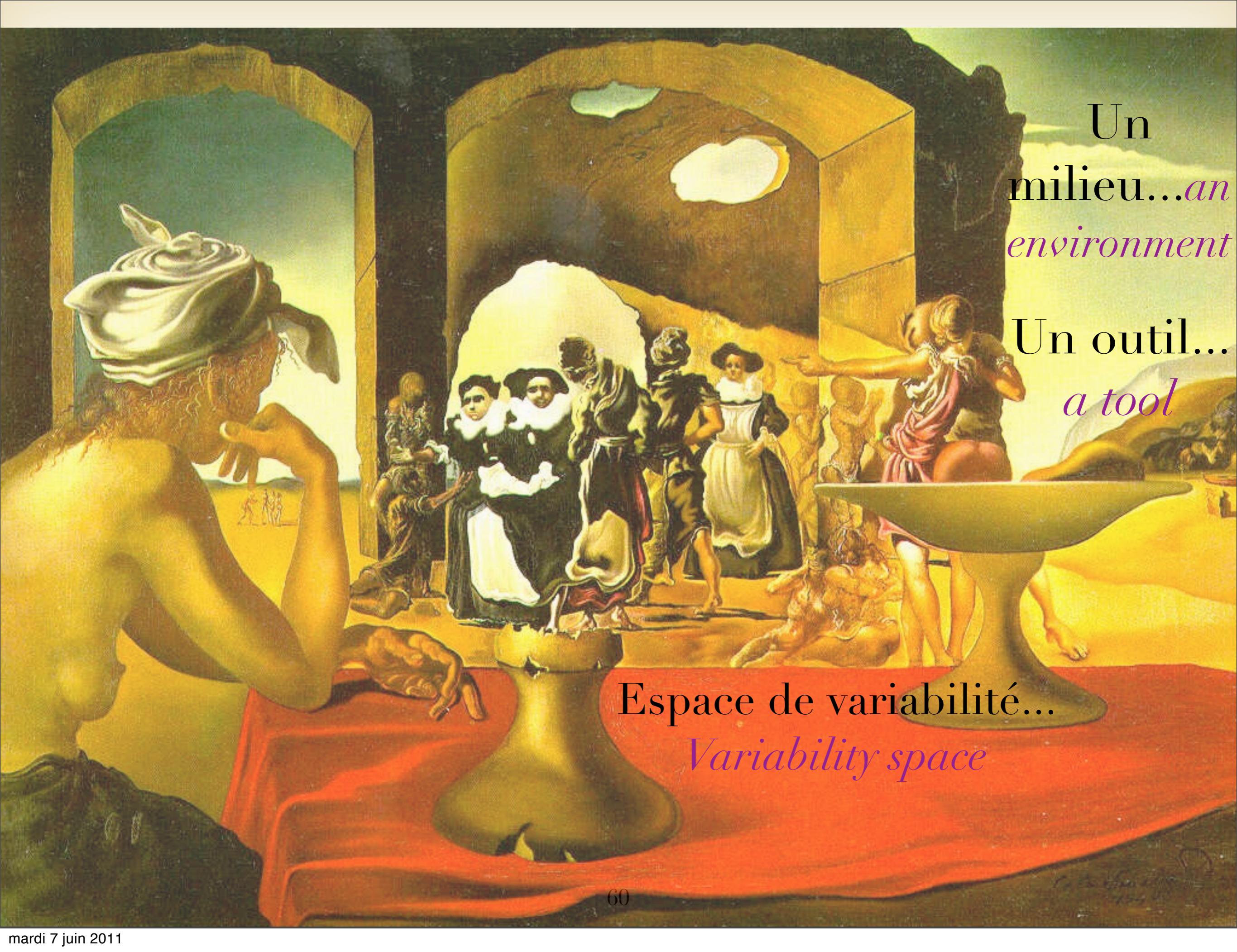
*Espace de variabilité ... Variability space*

*Répertoire non-fini... Non-finite repertory*  
*Feuilletage... Fine layering*

*Clivage, historicité, acteurs... Splitting,  
historicity, actors*

A traditional East Asian ink wash painting depicting a garden scene. In the center, there is a building with a tiled roof and decorative elements. A path leads towards the building, flanked by trees and shrubs. The style is minimalist, using ink outlines and light washes of color.

Incertitude de mise en signification...  
*Uncertainty of setting in signifying-process*



Un

milieu...*an  
environment*

Un outil...  
*a tool*

Espace de variabilité...

*Variability space*



Recomposition continue

Répertoire non-fini...  
*non-finite repertory*

Feuilletage...  
*fine  
layering*

Superposition et  
multiplicité des formes

# Espace linguistique... *Linguistic space*



# Espace anthroposocial... *Anthroposocial space*



# Espace sémiotique...

## *Semiotic space*





Espace de variabilité: répertoire  
non-fini... *non-finite repertory* /  
feuilletage... *fine layering*

Contact: clivage... *splitting*,  
rétention d'historicité...  
*retention of historicity*

Acteurs:  
séculiers /  
réguliers

Signes: faire sens...  
*making meaning* /  
avoir du sens...  
*having meaning*

TO  
SUMMARIZE,  
SIMPLY...

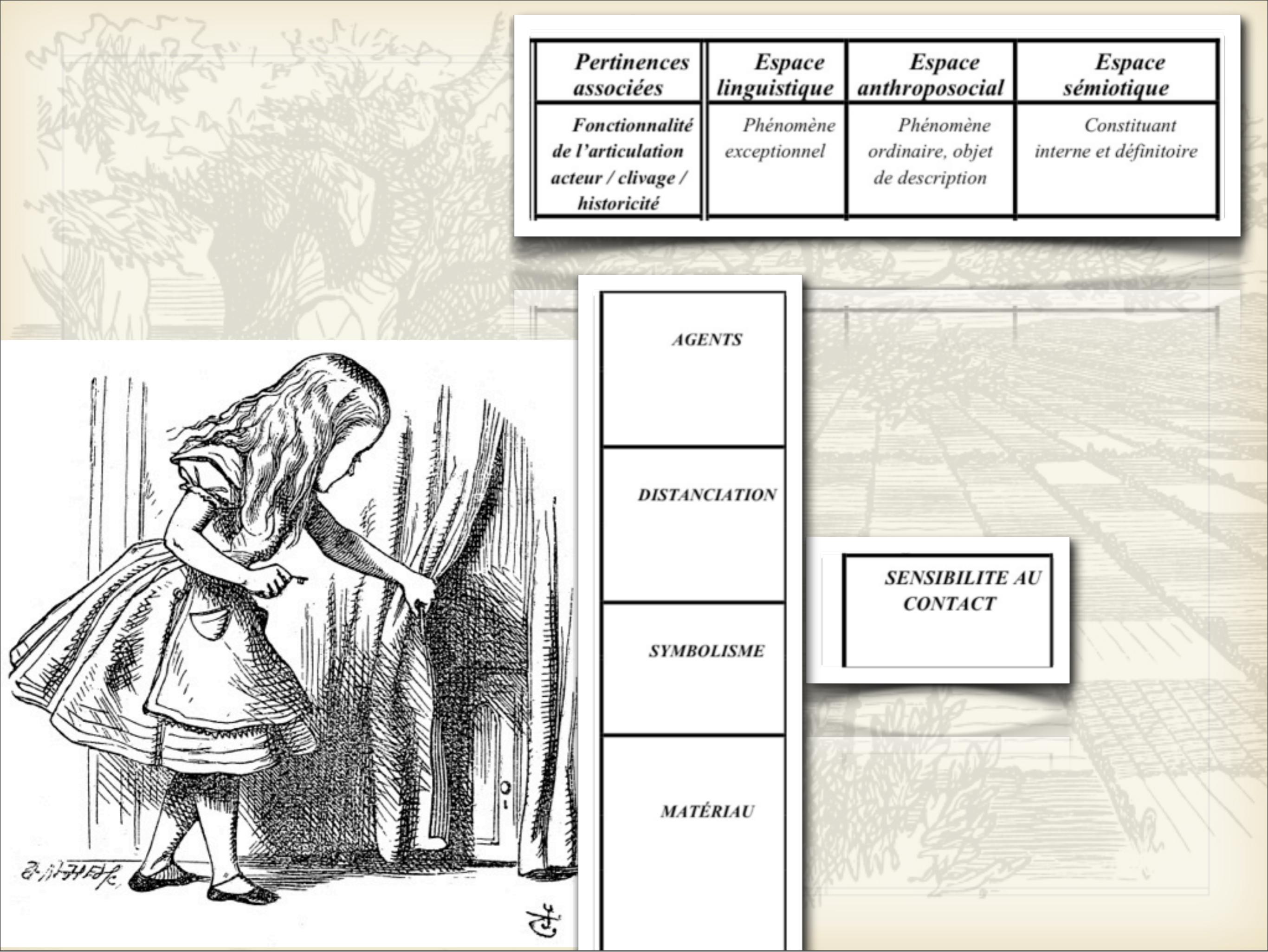
Tableau 3. Schéma-type des espaces de description, sensibilité au contact et pertinences associées.

Références générales	Pertinences associées	Espace linguistique	Espace anthroposocial	Espace sémiotique
<b>SENSIBILITE AU CONTACT</b>	<b>Fonctionnalité de l'articulation acteur / clivage / historicité</b>	Phénomène exceptionnel	Phénomène ordinaire, objet de description	Constituant interne et définitoire
<b>AGENTS</b>	<b>Fonctionnalité des « agents agissants »</b>	Locuteurs	Acteurs	Clivage constituant : Acteurs séculiers et réguliers
	<b>Type d'activité des « agents »</b>	Passifs : neutres	Actifs : activité et/ou activisme	Clivage constituant : <b>activité et activisme</b>
<b>DISTANCIATION</b>	<b>Fonctionnalité de la notion d'historicité</b>	Neutre	Occasionnelle	Définitoire en tant que <b>distanciation interne</b>
	<b>Fonctionnalité de la notion de frontière</b>	Neutre	Occasionnelle (frontière conventionnelle)	Définitoire : <b>frontière interne</b> à vocation constituante
<b>SYMBOLISME</b>	<b>Type du ‘signe’</b>	Saussurien	Classique et/ou saussurien	<b>Dynamique et clivé</b>
	<b>Rapport à la construction du sens</b>	Neutre	Pertinence d'un sens social	Construction d'un <b>sens clivé</b> dans l'ordre sémiotique
<b>MATÉRIAU</b>	<b>Fonctionnalité de la « variabilité »</b>	Neutre	Reconnue	Définitoire en tant que <b>condition de fonctionnement</b>
	<b>Fonctionnalité du répertoire</b>	Neutre	Reconnu en tant qu'inventaire	Définitoire en tant qu' <b>ensemble non-fini</b>
	<b>Fonctionnalité du feuilletage</b>	Neutre	Reconnue	constitutif du répertoire par <b>recomposition continue des formes</b>



TO RESUME...

<i>Références générales</i>	<i>Pertinences associées</i>	<i>Espace linguistique</i>	<i>Espace anthroposocial</i>	<i>Espace sémiotique</i>
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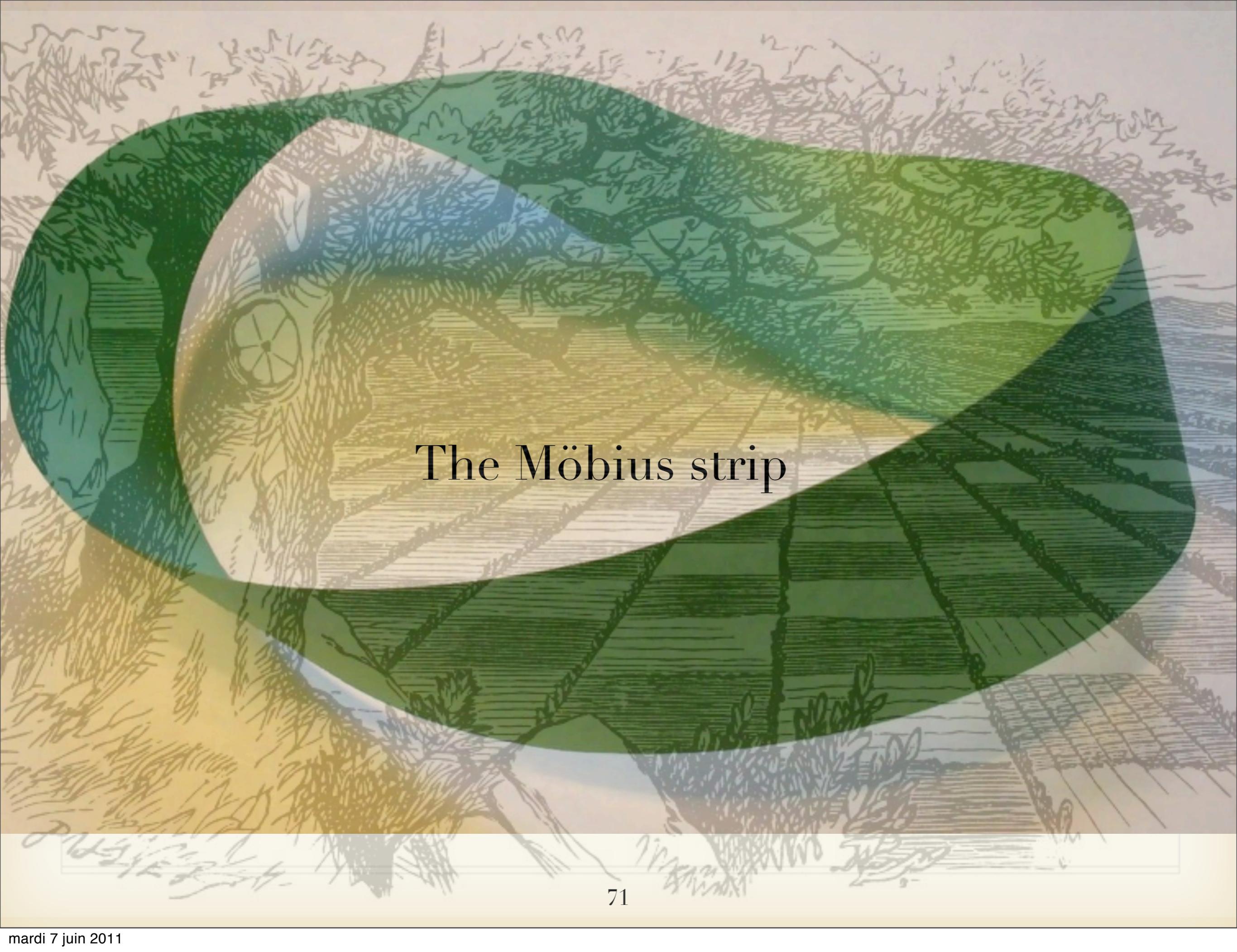
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<b>Fonctionnalité du feuilletage</b>

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Neutre	Reconnue
Neutre	Reconnu en tant qu'inventaire
Neutre	Reconnue





<i>Espace sémiotique</i>	<i>Pertinences associées</i>
Constituant interne et définitoire	<i>Fonctionnalité de l'articulation acteur / clivage / historicité</i>
Clivage constituant : Acteurs séculiers et réguliers	<i>Fonctionnalité des « agents agissants »</i>
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# The Möbius strip

