Workshop
"Unlocking new data: Linguistic typology as a key to agreement variation"

Linguistic Field(s): General Linguistics; Linguistic Typology; Romance Linguistics, Morphology, Syntax

Meeting description:

The Workshop "Unlocking new data: Linguistic typology as a key to agreement variation" will take place 9 October 2017, in Room RAA-G-01, University of Zurich, as part of the project "The Zurich database of agreement in Italo-Romance varieties".

The study of agreement is of continuing interest in general linguistics and linguistic typology. Italian dialect varieties display a wealth of interesting phenomena in this area, some of which are unparalleled across Romance, or even within the whole Indo-European language family. However, this wealth of structural diversity has hardly been exploited in typological studies on agreement and thus could not find its way into the international scientific debate, mainly because of the unavailability of the primary data to the international scientific community. We want to fill this gap by developing an online database, consisting of annotated data from seven selected varieties (from north to south): Urbino, Ripatransone, Luras, Agnone, Altamura, Verbicaro, Pantelleria.

The one-day workshop will feature presentations of our international consultants intertwined with talks by project members, focusing on their research.

Everyone is welcome to attend. To facilitate planning please let us know by 29 September 2017 if you are coming by emailing Tania Paciaroni (paciaron@rom.uzh.ch).

Programme

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Room RAA-G-01, University of Zurich

09.00-09.25	Welcome coffee
09.25-09.30	**Michele Loporcaro** — Welcome and introduction

Chair: Michele Loporcaro
09.30-10.30	**Greville Corbett** — The typology of pluralia tantum nouns: implications for agreement

10.30-11.00	Coffee break

Chair: Anna Thornton
11.00-11.30	**Diego Pescarini** — Asymmetric nominal agreement in southern Switzerland
11.30-12.00	**Serena Romagnoli** — Verbal (un)agreement in the variety of Urbinate
12.00-12.30	**Tania Paciaroni** — The morphology and syntax of agreement: some problems from Ripano

12.30-14.00	Lunch break (Dozentenfoyer)

Chair: Diego Pescarini
14.00-15:00	**Magnus Breder Birkenes** — The Marburg Agreement Project: Tagging and comparing agreement in a parallel corpus
15.00-15.30	**Taras Zakharko** — The Zurich database of agreement in Italo-Romance: technical infrastructure and implementation

15.30-16.00	Coffee break

Chair: Tania Paciaroni
16.00-16:30	**Alice Idone** — Agreement patterns in Verbicarese: an insight on variation among generations
16.30-17.00	**Michele Loporcaro** — Changing agreement in fragile systems

17.00-17.30	Discussion — Discussant: **Anna Thornton**