

Call for Papers: Inheritance Hierarchies in Morphology

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Inheritance hierarchies or inheritance networks are an important part of a number of contemporary morphological theories, such as Construction Morphology (Booij 2010), Network Morphology (Brown and Hippisley 2012), and Word Grammar (Hudson 2006). Such approaches contrast with rule-based morphological models such as Distributed Morphology (Halle and Marantz 1993). Inheritance networks have been invoked to yield new perspectives on long-standing issues in morphology like productivity and regularity (Brown *forthc.*), holistic morphological typology (Brown 2010), and multi-word units (Booij 2010). However, much remains to be explored concerning the precise nature and architecture of these inheritance hierarchies. For instance, hierarchies of different types have been proposed (e.g. lexical class hierarchies, ontological hierarchies, syntactic hierarchies, and morphological hierarchies), but it is not clear what the restrictions (if any) on an inventory of hierarchies are or how the different hierarchies relate to or interact with each other.

The workshop will bring together linguists from several backgrounds to explore these and other questions related to inheritance networks in morphology. Questions we would like to address include (but are not limited to):

- What level of abstractness is defensible or feasible in a hierarchical lexicon?
- To what extent are different (types of) hierarchies comparable?
- Is there psycholinguistic evidence for inheritance hierarchies?
- Can inheritance hierarchies shed new light on diachronic processes?
- In what way do inheritance-based approaches change our perspective on paradigmatic relations, both in word formation and in inflection?
- Rule-based versus inheritance-based approaches: do we need a hierarchical lexicon?

Applicants are invited to send in an anonymous abstract in pdf format of 1 page maximum (excluding references) before 13th September 2015 to igm@ds.uzh.ch. Notification of acceptance will be given on 30th September. Doctoral students in particular are encouraged to hand in an abstract.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the above address.

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