SSLT Leipzig 2010
Features and typology
Lecture plan and readings (version of 6 July 2010)
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time	theme	main topics	purpose	optional reading (before or after the class). I have included items which have plenty of references for further reading.
Monday August 16th 14.00	Why linguists use features	1A. Why features?	To show why features have such an important place in linguistics.	GGC. Forthcoming. Features: essential notions. To appear in: Anna Kibort & Greville G. Corbett (eds) *Features: perspectives on a key notion in linguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [Preprint available on my webpage: select 'for a full list of publications see here'.]
		1B. Formal perspectives (the logic of features)	Introduction to some key contributions of formal and computational work.	Sag, Ivan A., Thomas Wasow & Emily M. Bender. 2003. *Syntactic Theory: A formal introduction*. Stanford: CSLI. [chapter 3 – but ideally read chapters 1-2 first]
Tuesday August 17th 14.00	Features and components: types of feature and why we should distinguish them	2A. Features and components	Distinguishing the different types of features, and then concentrating on morphosyntactic features.	As for 1A. [Preprint available on my webpage.]
		2B. Morphological features	Distinguishing morphological features and looking at their types	GGC & Matthew Baerman. 2006. Prolegomena to a typology of morphological features. *Morphology* 16.231-246. [Preprint available on my webpage: select 'for a full list of publications see here'.] GGC. 2009. Canonical inflectional classes. In: Fabio Montermini, Gilles Boyé and Jesse Tseng (eds) *Selected Proceedings of the 6th Décembrettes: Morphology in Bordeaux,* 1-11. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. Available at: http://www.lingref.com/cpp/decemb/6/abstract2231.html

Thursday August 19th 14.00	Justifying particular features and their values	3A. Justifying morphosyntactic features and their values	The basic question of how we establish the features and values of a particular language (the 'analysis problem').	GGC. 2008. Determining morphosyntactic feature values: the case of case. In: Greville G. Corbett and Michael Noonan (eds) *Case and grammatical relations: papers in honor of Bernard Comrie,* 1-34. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. (§§1 and 2) [PDF available on my webpage: select …..'.]
		3B. The typological perspective: a fixed list	Going on to compare across languages.	Browse the relevant sections of WALS: http://wals.info/ (go to 'features' then 'nominal categories') Corbett, Greville G. 2006. *Agreement*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [especially chapter 4] Take a look at the Surrey Morphology Group databases at: http://www.surrey.ac.uk/LIS/SMG/ (select 'web resources')
Friday August 20th 16.00	Canonicity	4A. Canonical typology and features	Addressing the problems that arise in such comparison (the 'correspondence problem').	GGC. Forthcoming. The penumbra of morphosyntactic feature systems. Paper at the Workshop on Markedness and Underspecification in the Morphology and Semantics of Agreement (MUMSA), Harvard, 2008. [To appear in *Markedness in the Morphosemantics of φ-Features* (special issue of *Morphology*), edited by Jonathan Bobaljik, Uli Sauerland & Andrew Nevins.] [Preprint available on my webpage: select 'for a full list of publications see here'.]
		4B. A case study on case	A detailed analysis of one system, case, to demonstrate that feature values can differ significantly, and that systems are not as neat as is sometimes suggested.	GGC. 2008. Determining morphosyntactic feature values: the case of case. In: Greville G. Corbett and Michael Noonan (eds) *Case and grammatical relations: papers in honor of Bernard Comrie,* 1-34. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. (Remaining sections.) [PDF available on my webpage: select 'for a full list of publications see here'.]

Monday August 23rd 16.00	Canonicity and a non-canonical situation	5A. Canonical features and canonical parts of speech	An instance of what we learn when we push canonical definitions to the logical end point.	GGC. Forthcoming. Canonical morphosyntactic features. To appear in: Dunstan Brown, Greville G. Corbett & Marina Chumakina (eds) *Linguistic Diversity and the Universal: canonical approaches*. [Preprint available on my webpage: select 'for a full list of publications see here'.]
		5B. Features in coordination and agreement	An examination of the surprising data from coordination, for what it reveals about features.	Corbett, Greville G. 2006. *Agreement*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [chapter 8 and references there]
Wednesday August 25th 16.00	6. Deponency: the "wrong" value		The phenomenon where features show the unexpected value.	Corbett, Greville G. 2007. Deponency, syncretism and what lies between. In: Matthew Baerman, Greville G. Corbett, Dunstan Brown and Andrew Hippisley (eds) *Deponency and Morphological Mismatches* (Proceedings of the British Academy, 145), 21-43. Oxford: British Academy and Oxford University Press. [Copy available at: http://www.proc.britac.ac.uk/cgi-bin/somsid.cgi?page=volumes/pba145]
Thursday August 26th 16.00	7. Feature interactions: can we keep the typology simple?		Restricting the possible interactions between features, by rejecting some proposed analyses. Maintaining orthogonal features	Still new – no draft!
Friday August 27th 16.00	8. Morpho-syntactic Gambits		A survey and first typology of non-canonical feature behaviour.	Still new – no draft!