

The language of reports

Reported discourse in Latin and Ancient Greek

Call for papers

Radboud University Nijmegen

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Reports of what someone said or thought are interesting from both philosophical and linguistic perspectives. Introducing a non-actual context of utterance, they reveal the nature of indexicality (deixis) and facilitate context shifts, a phenomenon which is intimately related to the representation of perspective in language. Recent years have seen a growing interest in report constructions in Latin and Ancient Greek from a variety of subdisciplines and frameworks, including formal semantics, cognitive semantics and narratology. Semantic and pragmatic features that have been addressed in these studies include the choice between different kinds of complementation (Huitink 2010, Cristofaro 1996, 2008), the use of particles (Wakker 1997), logophoricity (Jøhndal 2012), the retention of tenses (Bary 2012), the linguistic features of character text (the NWO project Ancient War Narrative), and the unmarked switching between direct and indirect discourse (Maier 2012).

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together researchers from various backgrounds working on attitude and speech reports in Latin and Ancient Greek in order to join forces and move the discussion forward.

We invite abstracts covering any topic related to report constructions in these languages. Potential topics include, but are by no means limited to:

- attitudinal particles
- the oblique optative
- linguistic means of creating perspective
- different kinds of complementation (finite/participial/infinitival)
- the relation to discourse modes
- the use of tenses
- the use of logophoric pronouns
- free indirect discourse
- Latin and Ancient Greek reports from a typological perspective

Keynote speakers:

- Sonia Cristofaro (Università di Pavia)
- Emar Maier (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)

Submission guidelines:

1-page abstracts should be sent in .pdf to thelanguageofreports@gmail.com. One additional page may be used for examples and references. Examples should be translated and relevant features glossed. The conference language is English. Each presentation will be allotted 40 minutes, including 15 minutes for discussion. The body of your email message should include the title of your presentation, your name, affiliation, and contact information. The deadline for abstract submission is October, 31st 2012. Notification of acceptance will be sent out before November 15th.

Organisation:

This conference is supported by the NWO project *Reports from the past*, the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Greek and Latin Languages and Cultures of the Radboud University Nijmegen.

Important information:

- Deadline: 31 October 2012
- Notification of acceptance: 15 November 2012
- Conference dates: 21-22 January 2013
- Contact: thelanguageofreports@gmail.com (Corien Bary)