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The Category of Comparison in Communicative Situations in Modern English by Anna V. Nikolaeva

Monday, April 28 @ 11:30am in University Hall 3007

Guest presenter:

Anna V. Nikolaeva from Southern Federal University, Pedagogical Institute, the chair of Theory and Practice of the English Language, Rostov-on-Don, Russia

Abstract:

Comparison is a complicated and multifold notion. As a logical category, comparison is an important means of in the process of man's cognition of objective reality. As a language phenomenon comparison is better to consider as a functional-semantic category. This category is the base of the functional-semantic field of comparison which is a system of different language units expressing the comparative meaning and its every possible shades. We study the functioning and the usage of comparative language means in different communicative situations. A communicative situation is a situation of verbal communication of two or more people. It's a system of some interconnected factors (real or imagined) encouraging the speakers to communicate and defining their speech behaviour. A communicative situation consists of several constituents: the addresser, the addressee, the relations between them, the tone of communication, the purpose, the communication means, the way of communication, the place of communication. All the above listed constituents are situational variables. The change of these variables leads to a communicative situation change. Consequently the comparative language units used by the addresser and the addressee also vary.

GLAMS 2nd Annual Picnic

Sunday, May 18 @ 2pm location TBA

Enjoy a relaxing time with peers and faculty and say good-bye to our graduating classmates. Potluck style picnic (everyone brings something to share).

Spouses, children, friends, significant others, etc. are all welcome!

LINGUISTIC LINK OF THE WEEK

The Great Pop vs. Soda Controversy!

Do you say “soda” or “pop”? Using the World Wide Web to gather and process data from across English-speaking North America, Alan McConchie plotted the regional variations in the use of the terms "Pop" and "Soda" to describe carbonated soft drinks. *Special thanks to Dr. Freed for this one!*
<http://popvssoda.com:2998/>

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