

Nominal aktionsarten: a formal account

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Abstract

During my last presentation, I proposed that nouns separate into two classes: stative nouns (*person, child*) and eventive nouns (*murderer, champion*). At the center of the theory is the hypothesis that eventive nouns are characterized by having an event argument that can be anaphoric to salient events in the context. This allows us to account for previously unexplained cases in the literature on the temporal interpretation of nominals. The aim of the present talk is to (i) bring together the theory on eventive nouns with a theory on aktionsarten, (ii) propose a formal analysis for the semantics of each aktionsart, and (iii) test the predictions with respect to their temporal interpretations.