

## **Diasystematic Construction Grammar: ideas, implications, issues**

Diasystematic Construction Grammar (DCxG) is a usage-based construction grammar framework that places language contact and the social functions of language at its core – reflecting the fact that, globally and historically, multilingualism is the norm rather than the exception, and that multilinguals' speech is shaped by both cognitive and social factors. In DCxG, the concept of 'languages' does not have any a priori status. Instead, 'language' is conceptualised as an optional property of individual constructions. Linguistic knowledge is thus not partitioned into separate language-specific networks. Rather, the repertoires of multilingual speakers and communities are understood as integrated networks comprising both language-specific and language-neutral constructions.

This talk provides an overview of the core concepts of DCxG and showcases its applications across different types of research. It also explores the broader implications for construction grammar and usage-based contact linguistics: Do we need new theoretical tools to account for language contact phenomena? And can insights from the study of multilingual practices inform our understanding of the organisation of linguistic knowledge more generally? Finally, the talk addresses current challenges in further developing the framework.