

The Fifth Conference of the International Commission on Aspectology of the International Committee of Slavists

## THE ASPECTUAL SEMANTIC ZONE:

# TYPOLOGY OF SYSTEMS AND SCRIPTS OF DIACHRONIC

## PROGRESSES

### November 13–15, 2015, Kyoto, Japan

The Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the conference "The Aspectual Semantic Zone: Typology of Systems and Scripts of Diachronic Progresses", the fifth international conference on verbal aspect, part of the research project run by the International Commission on Aspectology of the International Committee of Slavists. The conference will take place at Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan, November 13–15, 2015.

Recently, the study of verbal aspect as a grammatical category, from both a typological and an individual linguistic point of view, has developed rapidly. This is the most grammaticalized and complex facet of a heterogeneous aspectual semantic zone. Moving in this direction, the main subject of verbal aspect as part of the research project run by the International Commission on Aspectology of the International Committee of Slavists. At the third conference, "Verbal Aspect: Grammatical Meaning and Context" held in Padova, questions on the interaction between aspect and context were mainly discussed. At the fourth conference, "The Semantic Scope of Slavic Aspect" held in Gothenburg, the central focus of analysis became the many-sided nature of an aspectual semantic zone of slavic languages.

In view of the objective outlined above, the main purpose of the fifth conference is consideration of various systems of verbal aspect, from both a synchronic and diachronic perspective. The following important questions for discussion are suggested:

- The interaction between components of an aspectual semantic zone, such as aspectual grammemes, actional tags and classes, as well as tools of transformation of actional characteristics of predicates;

- The interaction between an aspectual semantic zone and other semantic zones;

- The interaction between an aspectual semantic zone and the morphosyntactic organization of the sentence;

- The interaction between aspectual semantic zone and discourse strategies;

- The scripts of diachronic progresses of systems of verbal aspect:

grammaticalization of an aspectual semantic zone, processes of perfectivation and imperfectivation, and so forth

The object of analysis will be not only all Slavic languages, but also a comparison between Slavic languages and other natural languages which express aspect by different means.

The conference working languages are: all Slavic languages and English. Presentation time: 20 minutes. Discussion time: 10 minutes.

Invited speakers:	E. V. Paducheva
	V. S. Khrakovskij

#### Important dates

- Deadline for submission of proposal with abstract: Jun 1, 2015

- Notification of acceptance of proposal: July 1, 2015
- Deadline for submitting article: September 12, 2015

- Conference dates: **November 13–15, 2015** 

#### Submission of proposal with abstract

The conference provides the means for full-time participation and part-time participation (through Skype).

Proposals in English or in Russian should be submitted to the following e-mail address: <u>kitajo@cc.kyoto-su.ac.jp</u> (professor Mitsushi Kitajo, Kyoto Sangyo University)

The abstract should be no more than 1500 characters including spaces. Use Times New Roman size 12 font and normal style with single line spacing.

#### Proceedings

We intend to publish all papers presented at the conference. The proceedings with ISBN will be linked to Kyoto Sangyo University's website and published at the beginning of the conference. Full-time participants will receive the proceedings at the registration desk on the first day of the conference, and Skype participants will receive them through the mail. After acceptance of submissions with abstracts, guidelines for the format of papers will be announced.

#### Preliminary conference program

November 13 – plenary speech (x2), parallel sessions + evening buffet November 14 – parallel sessions + official dinner November 15 – Excursion (Bus tour of Kyoto)

#### **Registration fee**

Many researchers from Russia have taken part in conferences of the International Commission on Aspectology of the International Committee of Slavists and have provided vital contributions to the development of these conferences. The current economic situation connected with the sharp fall in the exchange rate of the Russian *rouble* and its instability presents serious difficulties to conference participants from countries which use the *rouble* as their national currency.

In view of this situation, we will accept Skype participants. We will also set a special registration fee for full-time participants from countries where the *rouble* is the national currency.

#### 1. Full-time participation

1) Participation including a bus tour of Kyoto: 20,000 yen

(Full-time participants from countries where the *rouble* is the national currency: 15,000 yen)

Students and post-graduate students: 12,000 yen (students and post-graduate students from countries where the *rouble* is the national currency: 7,000 yen).

The registration fee includes a welcome evening buffet on the opening day of the conference, cocktails at the closing ceremony, the paper edition of the proceedings and a bus tour of Kyoto. Payment will be collected in cash in yen at the registration desk on the first day of the conference.

2) Participation not including a bus tour of Kyoto: 12,000 yen

(Full-time participants from countries where the rouble is the national currency: 10,000 yen)

Students and post-graduate students: 6,000 yen (students and post-graduate students from countries where the rouble is the national currency: 5,000 yen).

The registration fee includes a welcome evening buffet on the opening day of the conference, cocktails at the closing ceremony, the paper edition of the proceedings. Payment will be carried out by cash in *yen* at the registration desk on the first day of the conference.

2. **Skype participation**: 7,000 yen; students and post-graduate students: 4,000 yen.

The payment includes use of equipment and presentation space, the paper edition of the proceedings and their mailing. After acceptance of a proposal with abstract, we will inform participants about how payment will be made.

### **Selection committee**

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## **Conference venue**

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