

Manifestations of Genericity Across Languages



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Dear Colleagues,

Genericity is a pervasive semantic phenomenon across world languages by which speakers express much of their commonsense beliefs about the world. Languages, however, seem to syntactically encode generics, but they do so variably.

The vast majority of formal and informal analyses of the semantics of generics have been developed based on data from a small number of well-studied languages, most notably English, French, Italian, Dutch, and German.

The goal of this special issue is to unravel manifestations of genericity in less studied languages. Submissions investigating the various types of genericity including characterizing sentences, reference to kinds sentences, dispositional sentences, and habituals are strongly welcomed. In addition, this special issue welcomes submissions investigating the syntactic-semantic interaction between genericity and other semantic phenomena like (in)definiteness, quantification, and iterativity.

We look forward to receiving your contributions!

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