

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Research Centre

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Special Workshop 29-30 June 2016

Grammatical categories and information structure

Convenors: Simon E. Overall and Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald

Wednesday 29 June 2016 - in D3-150

- 1.40 **Official Opening & Launch of *Are some languages better than others?* by R. M. W. Dixon**
Brief introduction to the Workshop by Sasha Aikhenvald
- 2.00 **Bob Dixon** Pivot and highlighting in Dyirbal
- 2.45 **Martin Kohlberger** The use of discourse particles as markers of subordination in Shiwiar
- 3.30 **Afternoon tea**
- 4.00 **Kasia Wojtylak** Differential case marking and information structure in Murui
- 4.45 **Mateus Carvalho** Information structure: focus marking in Deni (Arawá)
- 5.30 **Finish**

Thursday 30 June 2016 - in D3-063 (note different room)

- 9.30 **Alice Gaby** Information structure in Kuuk Thaayorre
- 10.30 **Morning tea**
- 11.00 **Joseph Brooks** Topical and focused object constructions in object-initial clauses in Chini
- 11.45 **Nick Piper** Deciphering demonstratives in Meriam Mir: their meanings and function
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 2.00 **Grant Aiton** Lexical and discursive conditioning of optional case marking in Eibela
- 2.45 **Sasha Aikhenvald** Mixed motivations: how to mark grammatical relations in Manambu
- 3.30 **Afternoon tea**
- 4.00 **Simon Overall** Information structure and mood marking in the Kandozi-Chapra clause
- 4.45 Discussion and publication plans

Everyone is welcome to attend