



20th SFB-Colloquium, Friday, 17 June, 2.15 pm
University of Potsdam, Campus Golm, Building 14, Room 0.18 and online via
ZOOM (see below)

At the invitation Project C08

Prof. Dr. [Adriaan \(Ad\) Neeleman](#) (University College London)
will give a talk on

Compactness is Linear

Abstract

There is a well-known contrast between SOV and SVO languages. The former generally allow adverbials to intervene between object and verb, while the latter often do not (a property dubbed compactness in Haider 2014). I show that compactness can be understood as emerging from the interplay of two linear factors: the OV/VO parameter and a universal (or near-universal) constraint that requires DPs to precede other phrases in their case domain. As a result, structural intervention of adverbials is permitted in SVO languages, but linear intervention is not. After sketching how the proposal works, I will give an in-depth account of adverbial placement in the English VP, using Dutch as a reference SOV language. The aim of the game is to see how far we get if we treat the syntax of Dutch and English as identical except for the setting of the OV/VO parameter.

Everyone is cordially invited.

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