

Die Morphosyntax von Personennamen aus sprachtypologischer Sicht

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The main goal of the talk is to present a cross-linguistic overview of the essential functional and formal properties of anthroponyms. Anthroponyms are proper names that refer to human individuals. They often encode certain semantic and social meanings that go beyond a pure referential function. The dimensions of these secondary meanings and functions will be explicated. From a formal point of view, anthroponyms may be simple words (often called proper nouns), but also complex phrases up to clauses. The talk provides an overview of the grammatical means to form personal names that can be found in the languages of the world. In addition, the external syntax of anthroponyms, i.e. referential phrases as argument of a clause will be explored. It will be shown that the coding of arguments sometimes deviates, if the NP contains a personal name as head.

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