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einen Vortrag halten zu dem Thema:

Tagalog *ay*-Inversion – Thoughts, Observations, Ideas

Summary:

Tagalog has several syntactic constructions that deviate from the default predicate-initial word order. A particularly versatile one is *ay*-inversion, in which a constituent appears before the predicate and is set off from the rest of the clause by the inversion marker *ay*. The syntactic categories of *ay*-fronted constituents range from noun phrases to entire clauses. In the past, *ay* has been labeled a topic marker (Kaufman 2005; Dery 2007). This, however, has turned out to be an oversimplification: Not only are there uses of *ay*-inversion whose primary function is to indicate that the element *following* the *ay* is in narrow focus (Nuhn 2018), there are also cases where the fronted constituent itself is focal (Kroeger 1991; Latrouite and Riester 2018).

In my talk, I will present preliminary results from field work data collected in Manila in 2016 to exploring some of the claims about *ay*-inversion that have been made in the literature. Then, I will show that the investigation of *ay*-inversion is also interesting from a typological perspective: Several Chadic and Niger-Congo languages have so-called *terminal particles* (Ameka 1991) or *background markers* (Lovestrang 2018) that behave very much like Tagalog *ay*. Finally, building on previous work by Nagaya (2007) and Latrouite and Van Valin (2015), I will present some ideas on how to represent the functions and syntactic structure of *ay* in Role and Reference Grammar (Van Valin 2005).

Zu diesem Vortrag möchte ich herzlich einladen.

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