
He will showcase the formal properties of reduplicated material in the languages of the world, from simple string copying to complex alterations in the patterns of repetition, to automatic reduplication resulting from affixation.

The major functions of reduplicative constructions will be presented for the open word classes from a variety of language families. Typical functions will be outlined for verbs and adjectives such as number (plurality, distribution, collectivity), distribution of an argument; tense; aspect (continued or repeated occurrence; completion; inchoativity), attenuation, intensity; transitivity (valence, object defocusing), or reciprocity; and for nouns, such as number, case, distributivity, indefiniteness, reciprocity, size (diminutives or augmentatives), and associative qualities.

The paper concludes with a map illustrating aereal patterns generated for the Comrie et al Atlas Project which groups languages into three categories, those that productively employ partial reduplication, those that only employ full reduplication productively, and those that do not have a reduplicative morpheme in their morphological inventories.