

## ON THE “BIOGRAPHY” OF GRAMMATICAL CATEGORIES

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My goal in the present paper is to bring together recent findings about grammaticalization in both “orthodox” grammar, (or the grammar of morphosyntax) and the grammar of discourse. I use these findings as the basis for an account of grammatical categories which situates them within a coherent, overall picture of how linguistic structures arise and develop.

I will pay special attention to two kinds of grammatical categories recently identified in the literature, grammaticalized theticals (Heine, Kaltenböck and Kuteva *forthc.*) and semantically elaborate grammatical categories (Kuteva 2009).

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