

# Typology I: Languages of the World

## Summer Semester 2016

**Room:** Hörsaal 08, Neue Aula (the prestigious building in the Wilhelmstraße)

**Time:** Wednesday 12-14 c.t.

**Webpage:** <http://www.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/~jdellert/lehre/typology>

**Lecturers:** Christian Bentz and Johannes Dellert

**Tutor:** Deniz Cevher (your contact person)  
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### 1 Course Schedule

13.04.	Lecture 01: <b>Languages and Language Families</b> “What is a language? Which are the world’s major language families?”
20.04.	Lecture 02: <b>Methods of Historical Linguistics</b> “How do we determine which languages are related?”
27.04.	Lecture 03: <b>Phonological Typology</b> “Which phoneme inventories are possible, and what is a typical inventory?”
04.05.	Lecture 04: <b>Morphological Typology</b> “How much do languages differ in terms of word structure complexity?”
11.05.	Lecture 05: <b>Linguistic Universals and Word Order</b> “What are universals? Are there connections between word order features?”
25.05.	Lecture 06: <b>Lexical Typology</b> “How much do languages differ in splitting up conceptual space?”
01.06.	<b>Midterm Exam</b> , covering the contents of Lectures 01-06
08.06.	Lecture 07: <b>Case Marking Systems</b> “Which types of case systems for expressing subject and object exist?”
15.06.	Lecture 08: <b>Nominal Categories</b> “How many gender and number categories can nouns in different languages have?”
22.06.	Lecture 09: <b>Verbal Categories</b> “How many tense and aspect categories can a language encode in verb forms?”
29.06.	Lecture 10: <b>Head and Dependent Marking</b> “How can we describe cross-linguistic patterns across constructions?”
06.07.	Lecture 11: <b>Quantitative Typology</b> “How are statistics used in modern typological research?”
13.07.	Lecture 12: <b>Explanations of Linguistic Diversity</b> “Why are human languages so different? How do we explain diversity?”
20.07.	<b>Final Exam</b> , covering the contents of Lectures 06-12

## 2 Grading

- weekly homework is not graded (for repetition and exam preparation only)
- midterm and final exam count 50 % each (3 CP)

## 3 Tutorials

- There will be two tutorials where the homework is discussed:
  - Monday 12-14, starting on April 18, Room 1.13 (German)
  - Tuesday 16-18, starting on April 19, Hörsaal 05 in the Neue Aula (English)
- The only difference between the tutorials is the language they are taught in.
- your tutor: Deniz Cevher

## 4 Exams

- based on slides and homework
- two questions for each of the relevant sessions
- Questions will be available in English and German.
- Answers can be given in English or German (or any mixture).

## 5 Registration

- There is no formal registration for the course.
- Registration takes place in the weeks before the midterm exam, via mail to Deniz Cevher.

## 6 Access to Slides and Materials

- For legal reasons, we cannot make the slides available to the general public.
- In the first session of the course, participants will be given access data, which can be used to download materials from the course webpage.
- If for some reason, you do not have the access data, ask the tutor.