

### ◆ What to include in information structure annotation

What are we actually annotating/what should we annotate when we annotate for information structure? For example, PROIEL and ISWOC have different needs: ISWOC's assumption is that the left periphery is important in studies of information structure related to word order. Therefore, it is not sufficient for our purposes to just annotate referential nouns. In particular, the information status of adverbs is important, but they are not referential in the same way as nouns. And what about verbs – how can verbs be incorporated in information structure studies? Furthermore, should we annotate at different levels? Cf. the Humboldt group's distinction between three different, but interconnected levels (given-new / topic-comment / focus-background). Their corpus (Tatian) is, however, more manageable than many other corpora.

We welcome opinions about this, and would like to hear about your experiences.