WORKSHOP OF THE “TRAJECTORY” PROJECT
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The workshop is to be held the day before the beginning of the fourth annual conference of the French Association of Cognitive Linguistics (AFLiCo IV) to take place May 24-27.

The Trajectory Project* is an ongoing research program which gathers a team of 19 academics and PhD students in France and 6 associated international scholars. Members of the Trajectory Project have worked in the spirit of a functional-cognitive typology, with the goal of analyzing the various linguistic strategies for the expression of Path (Trajectoire). The languages studied make up a sample of 34 languages belonging to 15 families.

This one day workshop aims at presenting the advances of the Path Project to an external audience. It also intends to be an invitation to discuss the ins and outs of the construction of a typology of the expression of Path with others interested in such an exercise and working on typologically diverse languages. The workshop will be enhanced by the participation of special guest Yo Matsumoto, researcher well known for his work on the theme under discussion; he will share his approach to the question and lead the discussion of the presentations by the Path project members.

The tentative program includes presentations by members of the Path Project responsible for themes worked on by the group, such as:

- “A working typology of the expression of Path” (Grinevald resp.)
- “A typology of constructions”; explorations beyond the satellite/-verb/-equipollently-framed constructions proposed by Talmy and Slobin. (Fortis & Vittrant resp.)
- A typology of “satellites” within a functional-typological framework. (Imbert, Söres & Grinevald resp.)
- Asymmetries in the expression of Goal vs. Source in Motion events (Kopecka & Ishibashi resp.).

Attendance is free. However, people who wish to attend the meeting need to register with the organizing committee of the Trajectory workshop: Jean-Michel Fortis, Caroline Imbert & Natalia Caceres. Contact email: imbert.caroline@gmail.com

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