

Gastvortrag am 11.11.2024 von PD Dr. Michael Percillier:

Carrying verbs across the Channel: Methodological issues and case studies on change in bilingual medieval England

Abstract

This talk sums up the recently completed research project *Borrowing of Argument Structure in Contact Situations* (BASICS), which examines grammatical changes that took place in the medieval language contact situation between English and French from 1066 until 1500. Looking at the contact situation from two perspectives, the project investigates the influence of Old French on Middle English and the influence of Middle English on Anglo-French. The talk will present the methodological and corpus-linguistic principles used for the case studies undertaken in the project before offering a summary of their results. The findings are then interpreted from two complementary theoretical perspectives to provide a holistic view of the contact situation: a sociolinguistic angle by applying Edgar Schneider's *Dynamic Model*, and an angle of bilingual production by applying Carol Myer-Scotton's *Abstract Level Model*.