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Linguistic models (with a focus on morphosyntactic change)

The aim of this panel is to consider and evaluate some of the approaches to modelling morphosyntactic change to be found in the current literature. The session will begin with panel members briefly outlining the main properties of the frameworks within which they conduct their own research: generative historical syntax (**George Walkden**), construction grammar (**Mirjam Fried**), functionalism (**Kasper Boye**), formal semantics (**Ashwini Deo**). This will be followed by a discussion among panel members of the comparative strengths and weaknesses of the different models with respect to both our understanding of the mechanisms of morphosyntactic change and the possibility of deploying these frameworks in the reconstruction of earlier historical stages. Discussion will then be opened up to questions from members of the audience.