

**“Do we, indeed, have the right to describe the ‘the’ here as the definite article?”
Construction grammar – the end of traditional classification?**

This talk will be concerned with the problem of generalizability in language. The starting point will be a critical discussion of Goldberg’s model of argument structure constructions and the issue of whether a formal valency specification for verbs is necessary or not. The main focus of the talk lies on investigating the issue of to what extent traditional categories can be useful in a construction grammar approach and I hope to demonstrate that some of them should be thrown overboard.