

Introduction to the special issue on habituals

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1 How this special issue came about

This special issue of *Linguistics in Amsterdam* results from a thematic, joint project on habitual constructions, carried out by the ACLC research group on Language Description and Typology.

This project started in January 2020 and lasted almost exactly one year. After discussing some general typological and terminological aspects of habituals, various members of the research group presented data about the language(s) of their expertise, either individually or collaboratively. These presentations evolved into research papers, which were reviewed by and discussed amongst the members of our group. These discussions focused on bringing out the overarching and recurring issues relevant for habituals across languages. These include, for instance, polysemy, diachrony, cooccurrence restrictions, variability, and iconicity. Based on this process, the papers were revised and finally collected in this special issue.

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