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2018. Category genesis in Chitimacha: A constructional approach. In Kristel Van Goethem, Muriel Norde, Evie Coussé, & Gudrun Vanderbauwhede (eds.), Category change from a constructional perspective (Constructional Approaches to Language 20), 15–46. John Benjamins.

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# Abstract

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# Introduction – The challenge of lexical flexibility

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Research Question: What are the discourse-functional correlates of lexical flexibility?

Motivation: To understand how discourse-functional pressures give rise to parts of speech (in the sense of typological markedness patterns)

Builds on Hopper & Thompson (1984), Thompson (1989), Croft (2001), Nakayama (2003)

## Approaches to lexical categories

This is just a placeholder sentence to include a random bibliographic reference (Hieber 2013).

Disclaimer: Processural language is useful, but if used in this dissertation, isn't intended to make any claims about cognition.

# Background – A theory of lexical clusters

# Data & methods – Assessing lexical flexibility

# Lexical flexibility and semantic domains

# Lexical flexibility and grammatical roles

# Lexical flexibility and information status

# Conclusion – The grammaticization of categoriality

• Languages described as having rigid word classes show strongly grammaticized pragmatic functions.

• Languages described as having flexible word classes show weakly grammaticized pragmatic functions.

Languages may become more or less flexible with time.

# References

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