Formale Semantik 09. Tempus und Modalität

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Folien in Überarbeitung. Englische Teile (ab Woche 8) sind noch von 2007!

Stets aktuelle Fassungen: https://github.com/rsling/VL-Semantik

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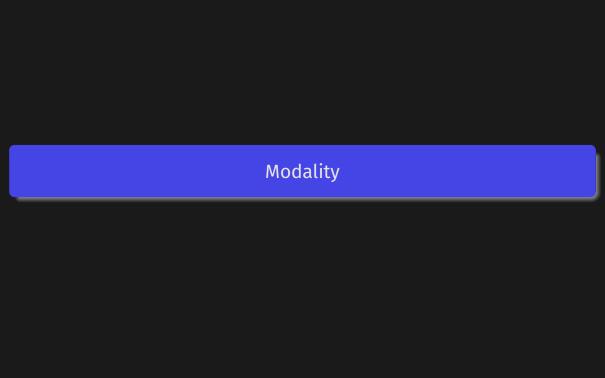
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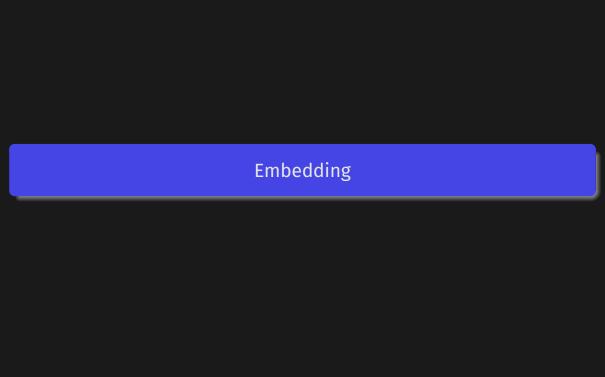
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