Ancient Egyptian Classifiers in a Diachronic Perspective

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Berlin, [...]
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1. Basis Time schedule
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2. Researchers and research

2.1. Researchers
[...]
In Berlin, research has mainly been carried out by Frank Kammerzell, Daniel Werning, and the student assistants Philipp-Emanuel Klepsch and Annette Sundermeyer. Major research has been done by the associated researcher Eliese-Sophia Lincke who was financed by a third party scholarship (Exzellenzcluster TOPOI, Berlin). General linguistic support and research cooperation was provided by Silvia Kutscher.
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2.2. Research
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3. General research profiles

3.1. Jerusalem
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3.2. Berlin
The Berlin team investigated three main research areas with a broader perspective.
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Daniel Werning, Philipp-Emanuel Klepsch, and Annette Sundermeyer proceeded to describe complete classifier systems of three Middle Egyptian texts. Inspired by Lincke’s 2007[2011] concept of “levels”, they developed a more fine grained descriptive terminology with special attention to the function of classifiers as part of the writing/reading system. Depending on the ontological status of the scope of the classifier they differentiate between graphemo-classifiers (referring to the script), word type classifiers (referring to the part of speech), grammato-classifiers (referring to grammatical semantics), and semantic classifiers (referring to lexical semantics), in a semantic/pragmatic perspective they differentiate between referent classifiers (referring to the utterance meaning) and prototype classifiers (referring to the lexical meaning out of context, an Idealized Cognitive Model), in a grammatical perspective they differentiate between ad-kernel classifiers (referring to a kernel of a derived word) and ad-derivational classifiers (referring to a derived word as a whole).

[Cf. now: Werning 2011.I, §§5, 12, 37, 42]
The results are going to be published in a monograph which is in a far advanced state of preparation (Werning, Sundermeyer & Klepsch, in preparation; cf. also Werning 2011.1: 99–106, [127, 129], 326). This will mainly include the following chapters:

1. Classifier function and classifier choice
2. The scope of classifiers
   2.1. The ontological scope of classifiers
   2.2. The grammatical scope of classifiers
   2.4. Classification beyond the phrase level
   2.5. Special cases: Repeaters and Unique classifiers
   2.6. Grammato-classifiers
   2.7. Types of multiple classification
   2.9. Metatextual functions of signs
   2.10. The classifiers <arm & hand, holding a stick> and <man, beating with a stick>
   2.11. The classifier <papyrus roll>
   2.13. Phono-classifiers
3. Noun classifier systems
4. Verb classifier systems
5. Adjective classifier systems
6. Multiple classification
   6.1. Multiple single scope classification
   6.2. Multiple scopes classification
7. Classifiers and part of speech
8. Data
   8.1. The Teaching of Ptahhotep on pPrisse (A. Sundermeyer)
   8.2. The Eloquent Peasant on pBerlin 2023 & pAmherst I (Ph.-E. Klepsch)
   8.3. The Book of Caverns (D. Werning)

4. Visits
   [...]

5. Talks and posters
   
   [...]


6. Classes
   
   [...]

7. Publications


