

Application Form for Joint Research Project 2010

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1. Project title	
Cross-linguistic studies on clause combining	
2. Project term	April, 2010 ~ March, 2013 (3 years)
3. Coordinator	(Name) Watanabe, Honoré (Role) collected papers volume editor (chief), research on Salishan
Sub-coordinator	(Name) Nakayama, Toshihide (Role) volume editor, research on Wakashan
ILCAA member	(Name) Hoshi, Izumi (Role) volume editor, research on Tibetan
ILCAA member	(Name) Kurebito, Tokusu (Role) volume editor, research on Chukchi
ILCAA member	(Name) Sawada, Hideo (Role) volume editor, research on Lhaovo
ILCAA member	(Name) Shiohara, Asako (Role) volume editor, research on the languages in Indonesia
4. Number of project members	about 20 members (including the above ILCAA members)
5. Research Field of joint researchers	linguistics
6. Summary of the project	
<p>This project brings together linguists working on typologically diverse languages to carry out cross-linguistic studies on clause combining. The project investigates clause combining of various types across typologically different languages in order to examine the diversity, types, and commonality of the phenomenon. We will consider not only the commonly recognized constructions of coordination and subordination, but also 'in subordinating' construction, i.e. the use of formally subordinate clauses without matrix clauses.</p> <p>This project is a part of "Linguistic Dynamics Science Project" at ILCAA.</p>	
7. Aim of the project	
<p>The aim of this project is to investigate the phenomena of clause combining in typologically diverse languages, and to conduct a research on their diversity, types, and commonality. We will take a broader view of clause combining and look at the use of the construction in actual language use; hence, we will deal with not only coordinating and subordinating constructions in the traditional sense, but also 'in subordinating' types of constructions, in which formally subordinating clauses are used without matrix clauses.</p>	

8. Significance of the research , especially the significance of carrying out the project as a joint research
<p>Clause combining, such as coordination and subordination, has been given a reasonable amount of attention within studies of individual languages; however, cross-linguistic studies of the phenomenon in typologically different languages are still far from enough. Researchers conducting such a research are limited by the fact that they must rely on literatures (grammars) on various languages. This project brings together experts on various languages conducting original research: through first-hand information from the participants, the result of the project is expected to be significant.</p>
9. Research results expected
<p>Understanding clause combining of a language requires deep understanding of the morphosyntactic phenomena of the language in question; therefore, in order to conduct cross-linguistic studies of clause combining, a joint research, assembling experts of typologically diverse languages, is the most effective approach to progress our understanding of the phenomenon.</p> <p>Also, by participating in this project, members will be able to exchange information and discuss with specialists on different languages.</p> <p>Since clause combining is not a phenomenon that is limited to particular geographical areas or morphosyntactic types of language but occurs in any language, it will be a topic that can connect linguists at different institutions across Japan and beyond.</p>
10. Project plan
<p>This project is scheduled to run for three years.</p> <p>First year (2010): Three meetings are scheduled: the first two in which three or four papers will be given and the third in which seven to eight papers, including those by the participants from outside Japan, will be delivered.</p> <p>Second year (2011): Two meetings are scheduled in which three or four papers will be given. An international symposium is scheduled for later in the year.</p> <p>Third year (2012): The third and final year will be mainly devoted to prepare the publication of a volume of collected papers. Meetings will be held for discussions on editing the volume. In the latter half of the year, manuscripts will be collected and each paper will be reviewed by participants of the project.</p> <p>In order to stimulate discussions and exchange of information, a website and a mailing list will be set up.</p>
11. Plans to make research results public
<p>The international symposium that is scheduled for the second year of the project (2011) will be open to non-members.</p> <p>A volume of collected papers by all participants will be published.</p>
12. Documents needed from those applying for joint researchers
<p>- brief statement about your interest on the topic of this project (about 150 words)</p>