

# Avertives in the languages of Europe

22–23 May 2025

University of Helsinki  
Lecture hall 25, Metsätalo  
Unioninkatu 40 / Fabianinkatu 39

THURSDAY, 22 MAY	
10:00–10:15	<b>ARRIVAL</b> Lecture hall 25, Metsätalo
10:15–10:30	<b>WELCOME GREETINGS / INTRODUCTION</b> Anton Granvik, Begoña Sanromán Vilas & Silvio Cruschina
<b>SESSION 1</b> <i>Chair: Silvio Cruschina</i>	
10:30–11:00	<b>Katalin Gugán &amp; Mónika Varga</b> <b>(Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics)</b> Avertives in Middle Hungarian: extensive variation and expletive negation
11:00–11:30	<b>Pavel Falaleev (University of Helsinki)</b> Avertive constructions in the East Slavonic languages: a corpora-based study
11:30–12:00	<b>Gwen Eva Janda (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)</b> Hungarian (Ugric) avertive patterns in focus
12:00–12:30	<b>Evgenia Klyagina (Institute of Linguistics, RAS)</b> Avertive in Abaza
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> 12:30 – 14:30	
<b>SESSION 2</b> <i>Chair: Anton Granvik</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Patrick Caudal (LLF, CNRS &amp; Université Paris-Cité, France)</b> <i>Plenary talk</i> French <i>avoir beau</i> : on an understudied type of bipropositional avertive in Romance, and its typological ramifications (Or why avertivity often associates with concessivity)
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Jussi Ylikoski (University of Turku &amp; Sámi University of Applied Sciences)</b> Avertives in the Saami languages of Finland: synchronic and diachronic remarks
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> 16:00 – 16:30	
<b>SESSION 3</b> <i>Chair: Begoña Sanromán Vilas</i>	
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Jutta Salminen (University of Greifswald / University of Helsinki)</b> Argumentative orientation of avertives: evidence from polarity items
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Ville Mäki (University of Eastern Finland)</b> The grammaticalized avertive construction in Finnish
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Elsi Miia Kaiser (University of Southern California)</b> Avertives and their imminent kin: A corpus-based exploration of event structure in Finnish and English

## FRIDAY, 23 MAY

### SESSION 4

*Chair: Silvio Cruschina*

9:30 – 10:30

**Peter Arkadiev (University of Potsdam)**

*Plenary talk*

Tracing the avertive through semantic space: Evidence from Lithuanian

10:30 – 11:00

**Laura Horváth (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)**

Avertivity in Udmurt

### COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:30

### SESSION 5

*Chair: Anton Granvik*

11:30 – 12:00

**Dorđe Bozovic (University of Belgrade)**

Avertives, apprehensionals, and frustratives in peripheral West South Slavic

12:00 – 12:30

**Georgios Vardakis & Aglaia G. Trigka**

**(University of Padua / University of Patras, Sorbonne Université)**

Towards an analysis of the syntax and semantics of avertives in Modern Greek: a cartographic approach

12:30 – 13:00

**Rita Eloranta (Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki)**

*Quiso darme una enfermedad* ‘I almost got sick (but didn’t)’. Avertive construction in Peruvian Andean Spanish

### LUNCH BREAK

13:00 – 14:30

### SESSION 6

*Chair: Begoña Sanromán Vilas*

14:30 – 15:00

**Beatrice Pahonțu Serafino (LLF & Inalco, France)**

Exploring the grammaticalization of avertivity: progressive, proximative, and avertive uses in Romanian polyfunctional constructions

15:00 – 15:30

**Edson Rosa (São Paulo State University)**

The expression of avertivity in Brazilian Portuguese: a Functional Discourse Grammar account

### SHORT BREAK

15:45–16:15

**Larisa Leisiö (University of Eastern Finland)**

The term ‘avertive’ and related meanings in Russian

16:15 – 16:45

**Heidi Niva & Anton Granvik (University of Helsinki)**

Between proximativity and avertivity. The Finnish *olla -mÄisillÄän* construction

16:45–17:00

**CLOSING WORDS**