

Call for papers: *NJL* Special Issue on Comparative Nordic Semantics

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Whereas much research has been carried out on comparative syntax, morphology and phonology in the Nordic languages, much less work has been done on comparative semantics of any of these languages. The fact that some of the Nordic languages, namely the Scandinavian ones, Danish, Faroese, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish, are quite similar in terms of historical development and structure, and that the others, Finnish, Greenlandic and Saami, are very different, means that the Nordic languages provide an interesting area for investigating semantic phenomena such as quantification, scope, reference, modality, tense and aspect from a comparative point of view. Are there systematic semantic differences in the way these notions are expressed or in the way they are interpreted? If so, to what extent do these differences also correspond to syntactic or lexical differences? To what degree can semantic analyses for one of the languages be adapted to account for the other languages?

We invite papers addressing these or other semantic topics relating to the Nordic languages. The deadline is 31 January 2004. Papers should be sent to:

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