

PS I:
PRAGMATICS – THE MANY FACETS OF LANGUAGE USE

“Pragmatics is the systematic study of meaning by virtue of, or dependent on, the use of language.” Thus runs a famous passage from one of the most renowned linguists called Stephen C. Levinson (Levinson 2000). In this course we shall address key concepts of the study of language in use. We will study core concepts such as:

- **What** is Pragmatics? **Why** Pragmatics?
- What does it mean to **communicatively co-operate**?
- What are the roles of **implicature** and **presupposition**?

As the course will surely progress dynamically, questions of a more general nature will find their way into the discussions. A question of this kind could be: What is the relation of pragmatics to **cognition**, **semantics** and **syntax**? A question of so-called **Pragmatic Interfaces**.

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Literature:

The course will be largely based on an excellent recent book by Yan Huang:

HUANG, YAN (2007): *Pragmatics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. € 24,99 – try to purchase this volume; it is worth it. Copies will also be made available.

More information on literature will be communicated in the course.

