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Projektbeschreibung: There are at least three linguistic disciplines that deal with the rise, establishment, spread and changes of grammatical forms and their functions in speaker communities: (i) grammaticalization studies, (ii) studies on areal linguistics, (iii) sociolinguistics and dialectology. Contact induced language change and grammaticalization processes have often been treated as two quite divergent phenomena. Heine/Kuteva (2003), however, argue that the two are in no way mutually exclusive and try to show how grammaticalization can be triggered by language contact. The proposed book addresses the following questions: 1. In which way have language contacts contributed to the divergence of a formerly structurally homogeneous group of genetically related languages or their subgroups? 2. How is the conservatism of a language linked to language contact? 3. Which is the role played by the mixing of dialects and urban non-standard varieties in the spread of grammaticalization phenomena? 4. Are there restrictions as regards the categories (or kinds of constructions, morphemes, etc.) which can or cannot be subject to grammatical convergence?

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