

Resume

Glossematics vs. Glossematics

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This lecture takes its departure in some recent papers that we have written (Horslund et al. 2021, 2022). Both papers discuss the phonological interpretation of the Danish consonants, particularly with respect to the relations between stops and semivowels. In connection with these papers, we noted that some of the most important predecessors of the analysis we criticized, actually were products of the Glossematic movement, namely Uldall 1936 and Hjelmslev 1951. This contrast between yesteryear and today is going to be the theme of our talk. We will discuss what was insufficient in these analyses, with a special focus on the question whether it was the Glossematic theory itself that led Hjelmslev and Uldall astray in their efforts. The answer will be that minor dogmas of the Glossematic milieu caused the insufficiencies in their analyses, but in many ways, the general dogmas of the theory are not affected; quite on the contrary: they are still important to our approach to linguistic analysis.

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