

## **Plastic Grammar: Universal Grammar, Register Variability, and Third-Factor Principles**

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In an attempt to (pre-) stress-test an idea I've been developing in book format, my talk is, generally, a meditation on how we can marry variationist phenomena (primarily register) with sacredly held generative notions of the grammar of the 'internal'-language. Empirically, I will focus on a (semantically) articular morphosyntactic strategy of encoding politeness in Slovenian. Theoretically, I will motivate a narrow-syntactic aetiology of manner-level implicature-like effects, that derive and surface as register-variable phenomena. Technically: ontologically on a par with EXH, militating the need to 'exhaust!', as proposed to derive scalar implicatures and polarity-sensitive meanings of expressions (Chierchia 2013, int. al.), I advocate for an operator that militates to 'wipe!', YP, and that embodies the impoverishment operation.