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PREFACE

EVIDENTIALITY—OR grammatical encoding of information source—is a topic which fascinates linguists, anthropologists, and even journalists and the general public. This volume aims at providing a framework and state-of-the art view of evidentiality in its various guises, in the light of recent achievements and current developments in the field of linguistics. We place special focus on the analysis of evidentiality systems in the world's languages within a typological perspective, thus contributing to the appreciation of linguistic diversity. The majority of contributors are experts in inductively based linguistic analysis of grammatical structures of individual languages. This empirical focus is one of the highlights of the

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ABBREVIATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

1	1st person	ASSUM	assumed
2	2nd person	AT	localization 'at, by'
3	3rd person	AUD	auditory, auditive
A	transitive subject	AUGMENT	augment
ABIL	abilitative	AUTH	authoritative
ABL	ablative	AUX	auxiliary
ABS	absolutive	AV	Actor voice
ABSENT	absential	AVS	adversative
ACC	accusative	В	gender b
ACT	active	BC	Buryat Corpus (source)
ADD	additive	BEN	benefactive
ADJ	adjective	BEST.SENS	best sensory
ADJZ	adjectivizer	BOU	boulomaic modality
ADN	adnominal	BPG	best possible ground
ADV	adverb, adverbial	C	conjunct order
ADVR	adverbial	CARD	cardinal numeral
AFFECT	affected	CAUS	causative
AG	agentive	CAUT	caution
AGNMLZ	agentive nominalization	CC	copula complement
AH	addressee honorific	CERT	certainty
ALL	allative case	CIRC	circumstantial modal
ALTER	alterphoric (non-ego)	CL	classifier
AN	animate	CM	specific class marker
ANIM	animate	CML	Corpus of Mari language
ANPH	anaphoric	CN	connegative
ANT	anterior past, anteriority	CND	common noun
AOBL	attributive oblique		determiner
AOR	aorist	CNJ	conjunct
APASS	antipassive	СОН	coherence
APPLIC	applicative	COLL	collective
APPR	apprehensive	COMIT	comitative
APRX	approximative	COMP	complementiser
ART	article	COMPL	completive
ASP	aspect	CON	continuative
ASS	assertive	CONC	concessive
ASSERT	assertion, assertative	COND	conditional
ASSOC	associative	CONJ	conjunction









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CONN	connective	du, du	dual
CONQ	consequence	DUB	dubitative
CONS	consecutive	DUB.PT	dubitative particle
CONTACT	localization with contact	DUR	durative
CONT	continuous	DX	deixis
CONTR	contrast(ive)	DYN	dynamic modality
CONVB	converb	E	extension to core
COP	copula	E.V.	echo vowel
COR	coreference	EGO	egophoric
CORE	core argument, core case	ELA	elative case
COREF	coreferential	EMPH	emphasis
COS	change of state	EP	evidential particle
CRST	certainty marker	EPI	epistemic modality
CS	copula subject	EQUA	equational copula
CURR	current (for timing of	ERG	ergative
CORK	perception event)	EST	established past
CYC	cyclic	EVID	evidential
D	gender d	exc, EXCL	exclusive
DAT	dative	EXCLM	exclamation
DEC	declarative	EXIST	existential
DEF	definite	EXP	experiential
DEIC	deictic	EXPER	experienced
	demonstrative	EXPECT	expectative
DEM	deontic modality	FACT	factual
DEO	dependent	FEM, F, f	feminine
DEP	desiderative		finite
DESID	determiner	FIN	final nominal suffix
DET	diffuse	FNS	focus
DIF	diminutive	FOC	
DIM	directional	FP FPe	far past far past eyewitness
DIR	directional direct evidential	FPn	
DIR.EVID	direct evidential		far par non-eyewitness future
DIR.INDIV	individual knowledge	FUT	
DID MITTILL	direct evidential mutual	FUTIMP	future imperative
DIR.MUTUAL	knowledge	GEN KNOW	genitive General Knowledge
DIC	· ·	GEN.KNOW	evidential
DIS	disjunct	ara taa	
DIST	distal, distant distributive	GEO.LOC	fixed geographic location
DISTR		GER	gerund
DM	discourse marker	GV	goal voice
DN	downtoner nominal animate	HAB	habitual honorific
DR	classifier	HON	
		HPL	human plural
DRC	direct	HSAY	hearsay evidential
DRT	(unmarked) direct	HT	honorific title
	evidential	HUM	human
DS	different subject	IC	initial change

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ICVB	imperfective converb	i-v	gender agreement
IDEO	ideophone		markers
ILL	illative case	JOINT.VIS	joint vision
ILL.M	illocutionary	KNC	Kalmyk National Corpus
	modification		(source)
IMMED	immediate	LAT	lative
IMP	imperative	LIM	limitative
IMPER	imperfect	LINK	linker
IMPERS	impersonal	LOC	locative
IMPERV	imperfective	LOG	logophoric pronoun
IN	localization 'in'	LV	locative voice
INAN, INANIM	inanimate	MASC, M, m	masculine
inc, inc	inclusive	MASS	mass noun
INCEPT	inceptive	MED	medial
INCH	inchoative	MID	middle marker
INCL, incl	inclusive	MIR	mirative
INCOM	incompletive	MM	Middle Mongolian
INDCAUS	indirect causative	MOD	modal
	indefinite	MOD N	neuter
INDEF			
INDEP	independent	N-	non-
INDEP.PR	independent (free)	N.1	non-first person non-evidential
	pronoun	N.EVID	
INDEVID	indirect evidentiality	N.S/A.TOP	topical non-subject
INDIC	indicative	NARR	narrative
INDIR	indirect	NAV	non-Actor voice
INDOBJ	indirect object	NCERT	non-certainty
INDV	individual perspective	NCL	noun class
	(speaker only)	NEG	negation
INE	inessive case	NEUT, N, n	neuter
INFIN	infinitive	NEUTRAL	neutrality
INFER	inferred	NEXP	non-experiential
INS	instantaneous	nf	non-feminine
INST	instrumental	NF	nonfinal
INTENS	intensifier	NFUT	non-future
INTER	interrogative	NOM	nominative
INTER.LOC	localization 'inter'	NOMZ	nominalizer
INTER.PAST	intermediate past	NON.A/S	non-Subject
INTERJ	interjection	NP	near past
INTR	intransitive	NPARTI	non-participatory
INV	inverse		evidence
IP	instrumental prefix	NPAST	non-past
IPNM	immediate past	NPL	neuter plural
	non-eyewitness	NPN	non-possessed noun
IRR	irrealis	NPOT	non-potential
ITER	iterative	NRPAST	non-recent past
		nsg, NSG	non-singular

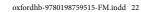






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NUMB	number	POST	posterior
NVIS	non-visual	POT	potential
NW	nonwitnessed	PP	past participle
0	transitive object	PQ	polar question
OBJ	object, objective case	PR	pronominal animate
OBL	oblique		classifier
OBSERV.REC.PST	observed recent past	PR	polite request
OBV	obviative	PREDICT	predictive
OMT	onomatopoeic	PREP	preposition
OPT	optative	PRES	present
OR	orientation	PRET	preterit
ord	ordinal	PREV	previous (timing of
ORD	ordinal number		perception event)
OS	object over subject in	PREVB	preverb
	Person Prefix Hierarchy,	PROB	probability, probabilitive
	'inverse voice'	PROG	progressive
OT	Old Tibetan	PROLAT	prolative case
OTHER	Other person or	PROP	proper name
	non-egophoric	PROPR	proprietive
P	P-evidential form	PROSP	prospective evidential
PART	particle	PROX	proximal, proximate
PARTI	participatory evidence	PT	particle
PARTIC	participle	PURP	purposive
PARTIT	partitive case	PV	patient voice
PASS	passive	Q	interrogative,
PAST.DIR	past tense direct		question marker
	evidential	QT	quotative particle
PAST.INDIR	past tense indirect	QUAL	qualitative
	evidential	QUANT	quantifier
PAT	patient	QUOT	quotative
PDUB	preterit dubitative	R/R/M	reflexive/reciprocal/
PER	perfect		middle
PERS	personal marking	REAL	realis
	(finite verbs)	REAS	reasoning
PERS.N	personal name	REC	recent
PERSIST	persistive	REC.P	recent past
PERV	perfective	RECIP	reciprocal
PF	pause filler	REDUP	reduplicated
pl, PL	plural	REF	referential
PLN	place name	REFL	reflexive
PN	proper noun	REL	relative
PNC	punctual	REM	remote
PND	proper noun determiner	REM.P	remote past
PQ	Pastaza Quichua	REM.P RENARR	renarrative evidential
POL	politeness	REP	reported
	possessive		resultative
POSS	possessive	RES	resultative



vowel lengthening

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REST	restrictive	SU	subject
RETRO	retrospective	SUB	subordinator
RPAST	recent past	SUBJ	subjunctive
RS	reported speech	SUBORD	subordinate
RSP	reported speech particle	SUP	supine
S	intransitive subject	SUPP	supposition
S	S-evidential form	SUPPOS	suppositional
s/A.FOC	focussed subject	SURP	surprise
SAP	speech act participant	TAM	tense-aspect-mood
SBD	subordinative mode	TEMP	temporal
SBJN	subject marker	ThV	verbal thematic vowel
SENS	sensory evidential; non-	TOP	topic
	visual sensory evidential	TOP.NON.A/S	topical non-subject
SEQ	sequential	TR	transitive
sg, sg, s	singular	TRANSL	translative case
SGNF	singular non-feminine	UNW	unwitnessed
SGVE	singulative	UT	utterance time
SH	Secret History of the	UWPST	unwitnessed past
	Mongols (source)	V	verb
	(Chapter 26)	VBZ	verbalizer
SH	subject honorific	VCC	verbless clause
	(Chapter 33)		complement
SIMIL	similative	VCS	verbless clause subject
SIMULT	simultaneous	VEN	ventive
SMLF	semelfactive	VERS	versative
SNV	inferred on the basis	VIS	visual
	of any, except visual,	VN	verbal noun
	perceptual input	VOC	vocative
SOC	sociative voice	vs	verbal suffix
SOU	source	WH	question word
Sp	Spanish loanword	WIT	witnessed
SP	SP-evidential	WPST	witnessed past
	(Deferential Evidential)	YESTP	yesterday's past
SPEC	specifier	YNQ	yes no question
SPR	superessive, location 'on'	French an arrange in	
SPR	localization 'on'	Further conventions	
SS	same subject	=	clitic break
STAB	stabilizer	-	affix boundary
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