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zu einem Vortrag
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On borrowing linguistic terminology from other disciplines: parallels or metaphors?

Discussions about linguistic terminology are at the core of our discipline. Not a single term, be it 'grammaticalisation', 'construction', or even 'noun', appears to be beyond controversy. Things get even more complicated when we borrow terms from other fields, such as physics ('centrifugal'), chemistry ('fusion'), or folkore ('pied-piping'), in which case we also need to understand what the concept means originally. In this talk, a specific set of linguistic terms will be discussed, i.e. those that we borrowed from evolutionary biology. Are these terms mere metaphors, or do they imply strong parallels between biological evolution and language change? I will argue that a view from the outside, as it were, not only makes us rethink the nature of specific issues in linguistics, but indeed of linguistics itself.

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