

Pour un modèle dynamique du temps présent ¹

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Abstract

The paper proposes, in the first part, a dynamic representation of the present tense, which is no longer conceived as static point on a single axis, but as a rotating mechanism uniting the past situated at one level, and the future, situated at a different level altogether. The duration of the present „instant” is as long as half of the circumference of this circle in its rotation in direction of the future. The second part illustrates the different patterns used in French, Romanian, Portuguese and Italian to express the three phases of the past and the three phases of the future, as these are defined, in the dynamics model of verbal tense, by the generative functioning of the present.

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