

Theoretical Foundations of Systemic Functional Linguistics

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How language works: the “architecture” of language as construed in systemic functional theory. Matter and meaning: the nature of a semiotic system; system and structure. The concepts of instantiation, stratification; paradigmatic and syntagmatic axes; metafunction and rank. Phylogenetic, ontogenetic and logogenetic perspectives. System network as basic organizing principle. These features explained and illustrated in the context of an “applied” linguistic theory.

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