

In this talk, I will summarize some of the main findings of my PhD project, a typological study on a type of adverbial clauses known as “concessive conditionals”. First, I will introduce concessive conditionals, distinguishing between three subtypes, viz. scalar (‘even if’), alternative (‘whether ... or ...’), and universal (‘WH-ever / no matter WH’). Then, I will present some of the coding strategies found in the languages of the world to express concessive conditionality. These strategies reflect two key components of concessive-conditional semantics: conditionality and quantification. The latter is far more prevalent than the former, however. Finally, I will give two examples of how studying concessive conditionals cross-linguistically can benefit other typological studies.