

**The grammar of hostility, indifference, solidarity**  
**A note on the interpersonal effects of selected grammatical constructions in Polish**

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In this talk, I will offer a semantic and pragmatic analysis of selected directive constructions in Polish. My specific focus of attention will be directive constructions with the status of implicit performatives (cf. Austin 1962:32), that is, constructions which are specifically designed for directive use, but which do not explicitly signal the specific illocutionary force they are meant to convey, beyond the fact that this force is directive in character. One question that such constructions raise is why so many general-purpose directive constructions and constructional variants coexist within a single language. The second – and related – important issue is that of accounting for the fact that the constructions under consideration produce highly diverse pragmatic, and in particular interactive and interpersonal effects in different contexts. The problem, then is, how to relate these highly diverse pragmatic effects with the grammatical make-up of each construction and how to explain the fact that such diverse pragmatic effects may nevertheless be reliably interpreted in context. In the talk, I will try to address the above issues within the theoretical framework of cognitive grammar, with special emphasis on its conceptualist and imagistic approach to meaning, its usage-based view of language, and its intersubjective perspective on linguistic communication.