Record Nr. UNINA9910810901703321 Gradience, gradualness and grammaticalization / / edited by Elizabeth **Titolo** Closs Traugott, Graeme Trousdale Pubbl/distr/stampa Amsterdam; ; Philadelphia, Pa., : John Benjamins Pub. Company, c2010 **ISBN** 1-282-55865-X 9786612558658 90-272-8844-5 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica viii, 306 p Collana Typological studies in language, , 0167-7373;; v. 90 Altri autori (Persone) TraugottElizabeth Closs TrousdaleGraeme <1971-> Disciplina 415 Soggetti Grammar, Comparative and general - Grammaticalization Gradience (Linguistics) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Contributors -- Acknowledgements -- Preface / Graeme Trousdale and Elizabeth Closs Traugott -- Gradience, gradualness and grammaticalization: how do they intersect? / Elizabeth Closs Traugott and Graeme Trousdale -- Grammaticalization, the clausal hierarchy and semantic bleaching / Ian Roberts -- Grammatical interference: subject marker for and the phrasal verb particles out and forth / Hendrik De Smet -- Category change in English with and without structural change / David Denison -- Features in reanalysis and grammaticalization / Elly van Gelderen -- How synchronic gradience makes sense in the light of language change (and vice versa) / Anette Rosenbach -- What can synchronic gradience tell us about reanalysis? Verb-first conditionals in written German and Swedish / Martin Hilpert -- A paradigmatic approach to language and language change / Lene Schøsler --Grammaticalization and the it-cleft construction / Amanda L. Patten --Grammaticalization in Chinese: a construction-based account / Walter Bisang -- Grammaticalization and models of language / Nigel Vincent and Kersti Borjars -- Language index -- Subject index. Sommario/riassunto The focus of this paper is the role of theory for the understanding of

linguistic change. We argue that 'formal' and 'functional' should not be

seen as two incompatible ways of viewing linguistic data, but as necessary aspects of any linguistic theory. We consider how theories which are formal, but which incorporate functional information can advance our understanding of linguistic change, for instance Dynamic Syntax and Lexical-Functional Grammar, especially when combined with Stochastic OT. We consider analyses which show that formal semantics can provide more insightful accounts of certain changes than purely syntactic analyses such as those proposed in some papers in this volume. We compare approaches particularly with respect to analyses of gradience and the directionality of grammaticalization.