Russian perfective verbs: Inferences and meaning components

The meaning of Russian imperfective and perfective verbs is often analyzed in terms of presuppositions triggered by the aspect of a whole verb and/or one of its constituting affixes. The goal of this talk is to shed doubts on the validity of such analyses by showing that the putative triggers of presupposition are better analysed as triggers of scalar implicature. The focus is on the inferences triggered by the perfective aspect of whole verbs and on those associated with the completive prefix *do*- and iterative prefix *pere*-.