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### **Modal And Deictic Extensions of Korean Evidentials**

The proposal has been based upon ongoing research in pragmatics of Korean evidentials. Alexandra Aikhenvald in 'Evidentiality' discussed evidential extensions of non-evidential categories. The paper aims to describe the opposite, that is to say, modal and deictic extensions of Korean evidentials as playing an important role in every-day communication. The following preliminaries are to be taken into account:

- evidentiality is to be considered an independent grammatical category,
- Korean evidentiality system is usually described as type B1 according to Aikhenvald's typological framework.

Whereas modal grammatical structures can be considered one of the politeness devices of Korean language, a question should be posed whether semantic extensions of Korean evidentials can be perceived as such. Above all, deliberate reduction of the level of certainty by means of Korean modals can be seen as a crucial phenomenon of Korean language etiquette. Therefore, it should be discussed if evidentials can be used in this way. However, assuming that evidentiality and modality are separate grammatical categories, certain difficulties may arise while explaining modal extensions of evidentials. Therefore, the notion of conversational implicature is to be applied as a useful theoretical tool. It enables us to keep these two categories separate on the semantic level but also to understand possible contexts in which a grammaticalized information source can be perceived as an evaluation of the information conveyed in an utterance. In terms of deictic extensions of evidentiality especially visual and inferred evidentials should be considered in relation to the spatial organization of a communication situation. For instance, as Korean personal pronouns are not used that extensively in every-day communication, evidentials might offer a strategy for expressing grammatical person. The following evidentiality types are to be taken into consideration: visual/sensory evidentials, inferred evidentials, reportative evidentials.