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Every year in April, after the exam period, the Annual Student Colloquium is held, offering to students an opportunity to present the results of their research to the audience of their colleagues.

One day last summer I was quietly working on a paper in my



usage “are the elements of the mechanical technological order,” and are seen as shapes that hold truthful information (2006, p.54).

A lexical analysis consists of organising the text into thematic groups. The largest group found was of Winnipeg street names. Many of the major sets included infrastructure words and words pertaining to Canadian history and geography, all of which is surprising to find on a beer can.

Semiology can be used to assess the purpose of the text by tracking the mental, action, and relational processes. Inside of the text box there are no mental process words, meaning that the text is not monologue or dialogue. The text contains seven action words, providing a very thin narrative voice. That voice is infantilised by the 24 relational processes on the can, directing the decoder to read for information and description. The text aims to market

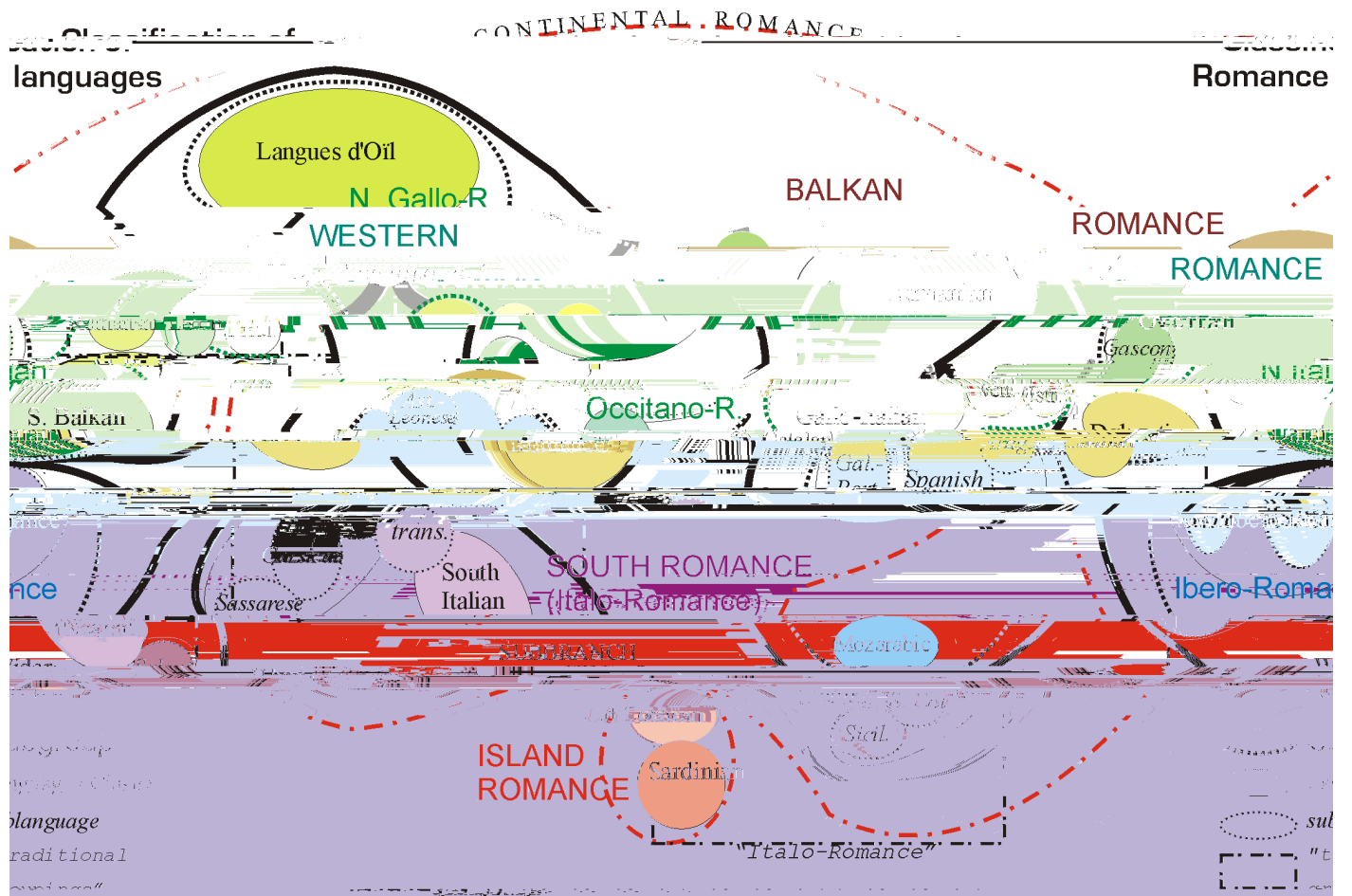
### *Sociolinguistics*

Like most pidgins, Afrikaans has economic roots. In the Dutch Cape Colony, the Europeans enslaved the African population for field labour while Asians were brought in for house duties. Arends, Smith and Musyken state that "one vital difference of creoles from pidgins is that pidgins do not have native speakers, while creoles do" (Arends, Smith, Musyken). In other words, Afrikaans became a creole after one generation.

Nicole Devarenne explains Afrikaans "as having been 'strongly influenced mainly lexically by indigenous African languages (Khoisan, Bantu)', as well as by 'Malayo-Portuguese Creole, French, German, and English'" (Devarenne). She goes on to quote Bell who confirms the influence sustained by several Afrikaans structural features. Such features include, but are not limited to, "the periphrastic progressive...reduction in verb morphology...changes in VP (verb phrase) structure, the object marker 'vir', reduplication, changes in the pro-







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The ILP at UW provides a vibrant environment for teaching, study and research, offering a 3-year BA, a 4-year BA, and an Honours BA degrees in Interdisciplinary Linguistics, through a variety of courses offered at several different departments.