

## 11. Übungsblatt - Abgabe: 17.7.2014, 1600

Answers can be submitted in German or English.

Reminder/Hint: The utterance in (2) is explicitly performative, the one in (1) is not.

- (1) Peter sneezed.
- (2) I state that Peter sneezed.

### Part 1

Please give 3 utterances (that are not discussed in the slides or in the course book), one in declarative, one in interrogative and one in imperative mood. For each of your utterances:

- a. Name the direct and, if applicable, the indirect illocutionary speech act that the utterance performs
- b. Provide the corresponding performative normal form which expresses the direct (and indirect, if applicable) speech act explicitly
- c. Describe briefly but concretely the conditions under which the direct (and indirect) speech act is felicitous. Follow the example from Searle.

### Part 2

Explain how speech act theory helps to explain what is going on in the following dialogue (from a cartoon strip of *Mr. Logic*, published by House of Viz / John Brown Publishing), and why the conversational behavior of Mr. Logic is strange. (Be concise, you should be able to answer this in about 2-4 sentences total. The text continues on page 2 of the exercise sheet.

In the post office

1. Mr.Logic: Do you sell postage stamps?
2. Clerk: How many do you want?
3. Mr.Logic: I do not necessarily require any. I merely asked whether or not you sold postage stamps.
4. Mr.Logic: However, I do at present require one first class stamp.
5. Clerk: That's 16p please.
6. Mr.Logic: You assume that I wish to make a purchase...
7. (Clerk is looking puzzled)
8. Mr.Logic: I merely stated that I required a stamp, a purchase does not necessarily follow.

9. Mr.Logic: However, I do at this point intend to purchase the stamp. Accordingly, I remit the sum of 16 new pence.
10. Another customer: Are you finished yet, smart arse?
11. Mr.Logic: My financial transaction is complete, but my name is not “smart arse” ...
12. Mr.Logic: I was christened ...
13. (The other customer punches him.)