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Metaphors of Migration

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In this talk, I will discuss **the metaphors used to frame migration** (understood as both an inward and outward movement) in UK newspaper discourse. My aim here is to show to what extent the **metaphors we see in contemporary discourse are a continuation of past patterns**. While there has been extensive analysis of migration discourses in a contemporary time frame, we have relatively little understanding of how longstanding these discourse frames are, how they **have developed over time**, or what alternative framings have been lost through time. This is where the kind of **long-scale diachronic study** made possible by **combining corpus linguistics and (critical) discourse analysis** can make a vital contribution. However, the analysis of discourses over such an extended period also **brings methodological challenges** and, as chronologically 'long-distance' corpora become possible, we are pushed to develop new tools for analysis. Here, I argue that **metaphors are particularly well-suited to diachronic discourse** analyses because they are **intrinsically evaluative, permitting the investigation of ideological functions**; they enable us to access non-obvious meanings; and they allow us **to abstract out above the lexical level** thus allowing for language variation over an extended period.