Lars Hellan’s most persistent interest has been how meaning is integrated in grammar. With a background in generative grammar and formal semantics, and many years with projects with partners in Africa, he tries to deal with languages in equally formally and descriptively concise terms, respecting that every language has its own lexicalization patterns, valency, and construction patterns, and thus seeking a descriptive-analytic format where both language diversity and intra-language complexity are equally well accommodated. In particular, he is pursuing the idea of “semantics” occupying two levels, “semantic argument structure” which partly reflects syntax and may differ from language to language, and “situation structure,” which is in principle universal. As a formal platform for modelling such a design Hellan uses Typed Feature Structures, as adopted in HPSG, and sees the semantics of space as both inviting to, and providing a good testing ground for, the kind of design mentioned. As consolidation ground for many explorations he maintains a large Norwegian computational grammar where tentative constructs can be evaluated for consistency.