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Faithfulness to Prosodic Edges. Dialectal Variation in Truncated Words in Catalan. *CatWPL*, 1998, vol. 6, p. 7-22, 15 ref.

The aim of this paper is to account for the similarities and differences between Eastern Catalan and Valencian truncated hypochoristic words in the framework of Correspondence Theory (McCarthy & Prince 1995), specifically Transderivational Relation Theory or output-to-output correspondence relation (Benua 1995, 1997). The prosodic constituent determined by lexical stress in Catalan makes up the most of the hypochoristic truncated forms in both dialects. Faithfulness to the base in Eastern Catalan can make longer forms than the left edge of the metrical constituent imposes; instead unmarked conditions on the shape of Valencian truncated forms can force the insertion of the gender vowel, thus increasing the metrical constituent at its right edge. In addition, some Catalan hypochoristics furnish empirical evidence for the full model of Correspondence Theory since they require underlying information of the base form.

Key words: dialectology, Catalan, truncation, correspondence theory.

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Possessive Constructions in the Dialects of Asturian. A Micro-Parametric Approach. *CatWPL*, 1998, vol. 6, p. 23-39, 27 ref., 1 il.

In this paper I analyze the properties of two different kinds of possessive constructions in the dialects of Asturian. The first one has been called the «periphrastic (or analytic) possessive construction» and its surface appearance is «QP+*de*+Possessive Pronoun», as in *tres vaques de só* 'three cows of his'. This construction exists in Western and Central Asturian, but not in the Eastern dialect. The second one is the «ordinary (or non periphrastic) possessive construction», which shows in Asturian the surface order «Art+Possessive Pronoun+QP», as in *les mis tres vaques* 'my three cows'. When the possessive pronoun refers to a single possessor, the pronoun and the noun head agree in gender and number features in Western Asturian, but in the Central and Eastern dialects they only agree in number or do not agree at all. I try to derive all these divergences from minimal differences in the lexicons of the corresponding dialects.

Key words: Asturian Morphology and Syntax, Possessive Constructions, Lexical Parameters.

- 41-58 **Ramos, Joan Rafael** (Universitat de València. Departament de Filologia Catalana)
Presentational Sentences in Catalan Dialects. *CatWPL*, 1998, vol. 6, p. 41-58, 27 ref.

Based on data from surveys, this paper offers a contrastive description of presentational sentences in Catalan dialects. Drawing on functional grammar and cognitive linguistics, we attempt to show the basic characteristics of presentational as opposed to locative sentences, considering that the so-called definiteness effect is not valid for Catalan. We note that there are three verbs which may appear in presentational contexts: *haver-hi*, *ésser-hi* (or *ser-hi*) and *estar(-hi)*, and that their distribution is not always alike in all Catalan dialects. In fact, distribution depends to a great extent on the degree of definiteness of the NP. With the definiteness hierarchy as our basis for analysis, we have determined which verbs appear in the most prototypical presentational contexts, and which in more peripheral ones. In addition, we have found that distributional boundaries for the verbs examined are not always clear cut.

Key words: presentational sentences, existential, Catalan, dialectology.

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Some Observations On the Pronominal System of Portuguese. *CatWPL*, 1998, vol. 6, p. 59-93, 37 ref.

I present a minimalist analysis of the pronominal system of Portuguese compatible with the claim that pronouns are underlying determiners (Postal 1969, Raposo 1973), including the nominative and dative forms. Whereas the form *o* is a «pure» determiner (a [+minimal, –maximal] projection), the nominative and dative pronouns will be analyzed as [+minimal, +maximal] projections with a nominal feature already «incorporated» in their grammatical feature matrix. I also argue that, under Postal's theory, the ungrammaticality of sentences with an accusative clitic pronoun in Colloquial Brazilian Portuguese cannot be due to a loss of that lexical item, since the item is well and alive as an article (including as head of accusative DPs). Rather, the difference will be tracked down to the fact that the form *ele* lost its inherent (nominative) Case (which it maintains in European Portuguese), which puts it in direct competition with the form *o*. Considerations of economy, in the sense of Chomsky (1995), play an important role in this account.

Key words: determiners, pronouns, Portuguese, syntax.

- 95-114 **Rigau, Gemma** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Departament de Filologia Catalana)
On Temporal and Causal Infinitive Constructions in Catalan Dialects. *CatWPL*, 1998, vol. 6, p. 95-114, 23 ref.

The paper offers a descriptive account of the syntactic properties of some temporal and causal adjuncts belonging to different Catalan dialects. These constructions are headed by a temporal or causal preposition that selects an infinitive clause as a complement. The nature of the adjunct is, thus, prepositional. It is a complex prepositional phrase.

The prepositions analyzed –*a* ‘at/in’, *en* ‘in’, and *amb* ‘with’– are coincidence prepositions. They are prepositions that express a relation of coincidence, or contiguity, in a place or time. The paper deals with the conditions under which the coincidence preposition can act as a causal operator. Such conditions vary in their application depending on the dialect.

Key words: syntax, temporal adjuncts, causal adjuncts, prepositions of coincidence.

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