

## Review

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This volume presents a variety of aspects of clause structure and NP structure in a number of languages. All the papers are written very well and feature a variety of approaches within the framework of generative grammar and formal semantics, thus contributing to a deeper understanding of a number of less studied phenomena in genetically diverse languages as are Slavic, Hungarian, African American English and Turkish. Another important characteristics of the volume regards linguistic data. Most of the papers contribute new data whose careful investigation will have a high impact on future studies.

The papers dedicated to issues of the left periphery of the clause, the comparison between the DP and the CP domain, and the interaction between contrastive focus and interpretation raise important questions about word order variation as reflecting a certain organization of the CP domain. Halupka-Rešetar's paper is further enriched with a proposal about the numeration and the type of features lexical items carry in order to obey discourse restrictions. Mirjana Mirić's paper is also very promising since it investigates, using a corpus study, the interaction between focus, context saliency and the availability of scalar interpretations.

Another group of papers contribute new insights to long standing theoretical debates in generative syntax: the distinction between DP/NP languages; the position of adjectives; the presence or absence of a TP projection and its relation to AspP. Stanković's paper contributes new data from three less studied Southeastern Serbian dialects and offers a thorough investigation of the misguided DP vs. NP diagnostics as applied to their nominal structures. Petra Mišmaš's paper is also very interesting since it points out some less investigated properties of the DP and seeks to establish a correlation between wh-, focus and definiteness features. Marusić and Zaucer's paper contains an interesting proposal invoking the presence of covert structure in order to explain the position of pre-numeral adjectives in Slovenian. The two papers discussing properties of the TP and the AspP projections are also quite valuable. Todorović's paper argues that Serbian (as opposed to Bulgarian) lacks a TP projection based on analysis of VP-ellipsis and the distribution of the aorist and the imperfect argued to have aspectual features. Other, less known but intriguing properties of the T/Asp head are explored in the paper by Remus Gergel & Daniel Ferguson. And Veronika Szabó, Judit Farkas, Gábor Alberti and Mónika Dóla's paper dedicated to the complement zone of nominal heads in Hungarian offers a very good study of deverbal, picture and relational types of nouns. Finally, Esra Predolac's paper discusses a very interesting finding about the parallel semantics of finite complement clauses and bare nouns in Turkish.

A third group of papers discusses properties of the interrelation between the lexicon and syntax. Simonović and Arsenjević's paper offers a stimulating discussion about measuring productivity of Latinate nominalizing suffixes and productivity in relation to native ones in Serbo-Croatian. Simonović and Baroni's paper, working in an OT framework, establish useful generalizations about LC-guided lexicalization in BCS and lay the basics for a theory of the grammar-lexicon interface.

The richness of the data, the excellent theoretical level of the linguistic properties discussed, as well as the high standard of the works presented induce me to strongly support the volume for publication.

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