

Final report

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Conferences

1. The Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 28

Location: Stony Brook, New York, USA

Dates: 03.05.2019 – 05.05.2019

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/fasl/>

Talk “Licensing of DP/PRO embedded subjects in Russian”
presented on May 03, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

The paper contributes to the ongoing discussion of DP / PRO alternation. I examine properties of Russian evaluative adjectival predicates that embed a non-finite clause (i.e. *važno* ‘important’) and argue that (i) sentences with these predicates are ambiguous between obligatory control and overt embedded subject analyses, (ii) the DP/PRO alternation is available in the same embedded syntactic environment, (iii) embedded overt DP subjects need to be licensed from the matrix clause in spite of the fact that PRO subjects, admittedly, can be assigned case from within non-finite clauses themselves. These novel data from Russia challenge existing approaches to DP / PRO distribution and can be accounted for by an analysis in terms of cross-clausal Case assignment.

2. The 24th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas

Location: College Park, Maryland, USA

Dates: 09.05.2019 – 11.05.2019

<https://sites.google.com/view/wscla2019/home>

Talk “Nominalized antipassive constructions in Kaqchikel”
presented on May 09, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

In this paper I examine antipassive under *-ik* nominalization in Kaqchikel (Mayan, ergative). Based on novel field data collected in Patzún, Guatemala, I demonstrate that antipassive in *-ik* nominalizations behaves similarly to passive promoting an internal argument instead of the external one. I argue that these constructions, together with canonical uses of antipassive, can be accounted for by adopting the idea that antipassive does not directly affect any argument but merely blocks ergative case assignment (contrary to Baker 1988). The data further support Imanishi's (2014) claim that (all) nominalized verbs in Kaqchikel must lack a syntactically projected external argument.

Both papers will be submitted for publication in the proceedings of FASL 28 and the collection WSCLA 24.

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