

Crosslinguistic perspectives on partitivity and related phenomena

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From a crosslinguistic perspective, the part-whole relation represents an exceptionally complex issue. This complexity, which is apparent at many different levels of linguistic analysis (typological, syntactic, semantic, pragmatic and sociolinguistic), has been the focus of extensive research over the past years, within the standard generative framework.

In an attempt at shedding some new light on the current analyses of (pseudo)partitive constructions at a crosslinguistic level, we invite papers that tackle (but are not limited to) one of the following aspects:

- o the morpho-syntax of partitive elements: partitive articles, quantifiers, partitive case inflections, the so-called ‘bare’ partitives, etc.;
- o the typology and possible classifications of (pseudo)partitive constructions;
- o the semantics of (pseudo)partitive constructions;
- o the pragmatic / sociolinguistic analysis of partitive constructions – the tendency towards *feminization* apparent in (agreement mismatches in) superlative and quantified partitives;
- o the acquisition path of partitives;
- o the morpho-syntax and interpretation of the interaction between bare nouns and partitive constructions;
- o the morpho-syntax and interpretation of the interaction between differential object marking and (pseudo)partitive constructions;
- o the issue of silent elements present in the underlying structure of (pseudo)partitives;
- o re-analyzing cardinal-noun constructions as (pseudo)partitive constructions;
- o re-analyzing *what-of* exclamatives as (pseudo)partitive constructions;
- o grammaticalization paths of nominals occupying the first slot in the binominal structure
- o various translation strategies for (pseudo)partitive constructions.

A selection of the papers will be published in a thematic volume.

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