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The Ingredients of Control in Chamorro

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Abstract:

Thanks to the work of Idan Landau, Barbara Stiebels, and others, quite a lot is now known about the ingredients of complement control across languages, including the range of control predicates involved, the types of embedded clauses in which control occurs, the sorts of syntactic restrictions exhibited by the controller and the controllee. In a number of works published since 2000, Landau has advanced a further set of empirical correlations that relate the meaning of the higher control predicate--whether it is an attitude verb--to other distributional properties of control (e.g. whether partial control is allowed). These correlations have formed the basis for theorizing about the syntax and semantics of control developed by him and others. In this talk I explore the unusually liberal system of control in Chamorro, an Austronesian language of the Mariana Islands. I show that Landau's correlations do not hold in Chamorro. Instead, control in this language employs the familiar ingredients but assembles them in an atypical way. The results highlight the attractiveness of a stripped-down view of control in universal grammar.
