

Addressing Classic Issues on Movement and Its Locality in Japanese and Korean under the Current Minimalist Framework

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Description of the workshop: In this workshop, we aim to address classic issues on movement phenomena such as their locality effects and the nature of movement in the case of scrambling under the current minimalist framework, and to find out what implications such a consideration has for a general theory of UG.

Recently, Chomsky (2013) proposes a labeling algorithm LA that determines how categories are labeled. This proposal has significant implications for the issue on how scrambling in Japanese and Korean is dealt with or characterized in the computational component of human language C_{HL} , as recently discussed by Saito (2016) concerning how scrambling is reconciled with the $\{XP, YP\}$ problem of LA. The fact that scrambling shows locality effects such as caused by islands escapes a satisfactory explanation under the recent movement theory, mainly because scrambling is usually characterized as a trigger-free, optional movement operation. Given that movement is now defined as a special case of free Merge, there is a new possibility of accommodating scrambling in these terms and capturing its locality effects in terms of phase and labeling.

Apart from scrambling, Japanese and Korean do not seem to show clear manifestations of movement, as witnessed by the apparent lack of overt wh-movement and typical cases of A-movement. Nonetheless, it has been standardly observed in the literature that there are constructions that manifest movement properties, such as clefting and right dislocation. Given these facts, there is an interesting issue as to what principle and parameter regulate the trigger of movement in these languages.

We expect that the presentations will focus on some of these issues and hope that interactive discussions during the workshop will contribute to the development of

current syntactic theories.

References: Chomsky, N. 2013. Problems of projections. *Lingua* 130: 33-49. Saito, M. 2016. (A) Case for labeling: labeling in languages without ϕ -feature agreement. *The Linguistic Review* 33:129-175.

Schedule:

9:30~9:35 Opening Remarks
 (Jun Abe)

9:35~10:25 Labeling and *Tough*-Movement
 (Nobu Goto & Kensuke Takita)

10:25~11:15 Locality and Anti-Locality in Scrambling: Evidence from Small Clause
 Domains
 (Heejeong Ko)

11:15~11:25 Break

11:25~12:15 Overt/Covert Distinction in Japanese Syntax
 (Hideaki Yamashita)

12:15~13:05 The Nature of Scrambling and Its Interaction with Labeling
 (Jun Abe)

13:05~13:20 General Discussion