

Co-argument sensitivity of argument marking: distribution and variation

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In the past years there has been an increased interest in the phenomenon of differential argument marking (DAM). The phenomenon has been identified and described in many more languages (see e.g. the collection of papers in Seržant & Witzlack-Makarevich 2018). A typical case of DAM is observed when the properties of a differentially marked argument condition its marking, as in the examples discussed in the first studies on differential object marking by Bossong (1982, 1985). This marking pattern is sometimes referred to as *local* DAM (Silverstein 1976). In other languages argument marking is sensitive to the properties of other arguments of the same clause, i.e. to the nature of its co-arguments (see e.g. Witzlack-Makarevich et al. 2016). This pattern is sometimes labeled *global* DAM. In this paper, we first survey concrete argument indexing patterns which can be argued to show co-argument sensitivity and develop a preliminary typology of this phenomenon. We then present first results of a global typological survey of this phenomenon.

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