

Adposition stranding in West Germanic and the structure of the nominal spine

Recent studies of R-stranding in German and Dutch have pointed to the need for more functional structure in adpositional phrases than simply PPs. In this talk I broaden the picture to include stranding in the early West Germanic languages, and argue that these present a new form of evidence for a functional layer below PP and above DP, one related to the semantics of location in (abstract) space.