

Testing the PR-First Hypothesis in Spanish and Italian

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In this seminar, I will present my thesis' project, which deals with the attachment of relative clauses on a complex noun phrase. My aim is to investigate the crosslinguistic variation in relative clause attachment preferences, which seems incompatible with a universal model of parsing (cfr. Late Closure and Minimal Attachment: Frazier, 1979)

Firstly, I will briefly describe the Pseudorelative First Hypothesis ([Grillo & Costa, 2014: "When PRs are available, everything else being equal, they will be preferred over RCs."](#)), which is a promising account that could be fit to explain such variation.

Then, I will narrate the work that I have been doing in the past months, and present my self-paced reading experiment that will soon test this hypothesis in Spanish and Italian.