

Voices: The shared mechanisms of passive, causative and passive in the causative, with some evidence from acquisition

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The talk will try to pin down the fundamental derivational mechanisms shared by different but often cross-linguistically related constructions such as passives and causatives. Acquisition data from Italian will provide a special angle through which the relation may be clearly perceived. The fundamental mechanism identified is the operation moving a chunk of the verb phrase, a seemingly widespread derivational operation in grammar(s) triggered by different attracting voices.