

Tales of the Missing Link

- Date:** Friday, March 3, 2006
<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/lingu/events/tales.html>
The day before the CUNY/SUNY/NYU mini-conference
<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/lingu/events/CSN/index.html>
- Time:** 9:25am to 4:00pm
- Location:** NYU, Silver 713
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This conference will focus on recent work in linking constructions, including at least the following phenomena:

- a. The verbal linker found in the non-central Khoisan languages and Kinande.
- b. The nominal linkers found in Japanese (-no/-i/-na), Chinese (de), French (de) and Thai (thii)
- c. The Ezafe constructions found in Modern Persian, Kurdish and Zazaki
- d. The associative constructions found in the Niger-Congo languages

The questions that will be investigated at this conference include the following:

- a. How are linkers different from prepositions? From Case markers? Are linkers semantically empty?
- b. What role do linkers play in word order? Do they provide landing sites for movement?
- c. What role do linkers play in Case assignment?
- d. What kinds of cross-linguistic variation characterize each of the domains where linkers are found? Which languages allow multiple linker constructions, and are there special constraints on these?
- e. How does agreement work in linker constructions?

Schedule:

9:25 - 9:30	Opening Remarks (Organizers)
9:30 - 10:10	Richard Larson "On DP and VP"
10:10 - 10:30	Discussion
10:30 - 11:10	Vick Carstens TBA
11:10 - 11:30	Discussion
11:30 - 12:10	Chris Collins "Cross-Linguistic Variation in Khoisan Linkers"
12:10 - 12:30	Discussion
12:30-2:00	LUNCH
2:00 - 2:40	Arsalan Kahnemuyipour "Some thoughts on the (missing) Ezafe"
2:40 - 3:00	Discussion
3:00 -3:30	Marcel den Dikken, discussant
3:30 - 4:00	Mark Baker, discussant

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