

表題：大主語に関する意味論分析について

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要旨：

In this talk, I propose semantics of the major subject, based on non-movement analysis (e.g., Kuroda 1987, 1982; Saito 1982), which has many theoretical advantages. The semantic theory of the major subject at least has to include the following two observations: (1) and (2).

(1) The major subject is the possessor of another argument of the sentence.

(2) The major subject is the subject of the sentence.

The former concerns the essential problem of the non-movement analysis, and the latter deals with the intuition that the sister of the major subject is a predicate in some sense. The central idea is that *Predicate Formation* in the sense of Rothstein (2001) always converts sentences (i.e., propositions) into predicates, and at the same time, major subject saturates a variable that exists in the possessor position. When this process occurs recursively, the sentence is capable of having a number of subjects, ensuring the multiple nominative constructions.