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KURZ - kaa/WORD1 or kaa/JKO1 : Givenness and scrambling

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Scrambling refers to a particular kind of reordering of constituents within a single clause, most typically cases where the object occurs in its non-canonical position with respect to other expressions (such as the subject, the verb, or various adverbials) - e.g. the case of SOV in a generally SVO language, such as Czech. Givenness is an anaphoric relation to a synonymic or hyponymic expression in the previous discourse/text/conversation. In this course, we will look at how scrambling and givenness relate to each other as well as to other related phenomena, such as specificity and definiteness on the semantic/pragmatic side and pitch accent on the prosodic side. The take-home message will be that while there is a very strong relation between givenness and the lack of pitch accent, the relation between givenness and scrambling is much weaker than often assumed and most probably indirect. In particular, givenness relates to the lack of accent, which in turn relates to non-final position in the clause.



Reading Nr.1: Kucerova_2011_Grammatical marking of givenness

Reading Nr.2. (introduction to terminology): **Krifka_2007_Basic notions of information structure**

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