

Formal Approaches to Embedding

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Dependent clauses have been analyzed as syntactic objects that can be merged into adjunct or argument positions directly (cf. Stowell 1981 among many others), or, instead as introduced by nominal elements that they modify, and embedded clauses are essentially a subspecies of relative clauses (Arsenijević 2009, Kayne 2014).

The driving questions behind this line of research can be given as in (1).

- (1) a. What kinds of syntactic objects are embedded clauses?
- b. How are embedded clauses integrated into larger structures?
- c. Can all types of embedded clauses receive a unified analysis?

The array of research problems related to embedding is by no means exhausted by the list in (1). Attempts to account for the lack of tense marking and the absence of an overt subject in non-finite clauses has given rise to an extensive line of research as well (Chomsky 1981, Koster 1984, Lasnik and Saito 1991, Chomsky and Lasnik 1993, *inter alia*). Some of the main questions emerging from the data on differences between finite and various types of non-finite clauses are summed up in (2).

- (2) a. What kinds of syntactic objects are non-finite embedded clauses?
- b. How should syntactic differences between various types of non-finite clauses be represented (cf. Wurmbrand 1998, 2004, 2015; Todorović and Wurmbrand 2020; Lohninger and Wurmbrand 2020; Wurmbrand et al. 2020)?
- c. What phonological/syntactic/semantic phenomena are related to the issues of embedding?
- d. How should we model the crosslinguistic variation and dialectical microvariation related to embedding?

We welcome papers that tackle any of the broader research questions above as well as other related issues, and we especially encourage submissions that employ quantitative and experimental methods to data collection, outlining (micro)variation in relevant respects.

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words.