

Les binômes nus français et le legs « naturel »

French Bare Binominals, and “Natural” Legacy

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Abstract: The present article hypothesises that bare binomial coordinations constitute a specific structure in French, with semantic effects that distinguish it from other forms of coordination. These effects, which consist of the manifestation of a totalising flavour, can be attributed to the referential mode of operation imposed by zero determination. On the basis of Löbner’s formalization of the notion of “semantic frames” (2014b, 2015, 2021), it is posited that the referential instruction of zero determination entails that the members of a bare binomial are conceptualized as part of the same frame. Building on this, we discuss the possibility to conceive of bare determination as a new marker of “natural coordination”, suited for the renewal of the natural/accidental opposition in modern Indo-European languages.

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