

## The relative clause structure and projecting movement: Insights from inverse case attraction in Moksha Mordvin

This talk investigates relative clauses in Moksha Mordvin and focuses on inverse case attraction. This is a phenomenon under which a head of a relative clause shows case assigned inside the relative CP. The data reveal a correlation between case on the head noun and connectivity effects such as idioms, anaphor binding, and condition C on the other hand. I will argue that the correlation is captured if relative clauses with inverse case attraction correspond to the raising derivation and the raising derivation co-exists with head-external generation for relative clause. This study, thus, supports a co-existence of two structures for RCs in one language and provides yet another case where superficially similar phenomena have distinct analyses. I further suggest that the raising derivation is best implemented by projecting movement of the head noun phrase, which follows from a projection-by-selection labeling algorithm combined with the possibility of upward search.