

The Morpho-Syntax of Non-active Voice in Albanian

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In this talk I will discuss the morpho-syntax of Non-active voice in Albanian. The Albanian non-active paradigm is built by employing three distinct linguistic means with a well-defined (i.e., fixed) distribution: (i) auxiliary selection (namely the Albanian counterpart of the verb 'to be') if the clause contains Perfect Tense; (ii) an inflectional affix if the clause contains a Simple Tense but not Admirative, Optative or Imperative Mood; and (iii) the reflexive clitic *u* (historically derived from the Indo-European *sue*) in all other contexts. Based on a proposal by Trommer (2005), I will show that the realization of Non-active is governed in crucial respects by closest c-command.