

Experimental paradigm for clausal determiners - Akan 'no' in relative clauses

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Across many languages, e.g., Akan, Ga, Spanish, Greek, the distribution of definite determiners goes beyond the nominal domain and may accompany clausal constructions. These determiners have been referred to in the literature as ‘clausal determiners’ (Lefebvre, 1992; Saah, 1994). In this talk, I focus on the Akan definite *no* and *specifically* on its occurrence as a clausal determiner in relative clauses. Its semantic status has been vigorously debated in the literature: the determiner has been argued to encode familiarity or uniqueness at different notional levels (propositions, individuals) with an empirical landscape that is rather unclear. In the talk, I will present the results of the first experimental study on the semantics of clausal *no* in Akan and I will present its analysis.