

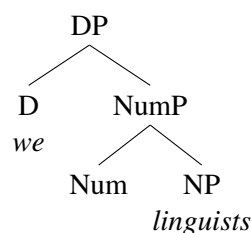
# ADNOMINAL PRONOUN CONSTRUCTIONS CROSSLINGUISTICALLY

## A STUDY OF US LINGUISTS

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Recent work on the nominal domain has stressed the prominent role that grammatical person plays in the interpretation and structure of nominal expressions, identifying it with the classical D projection (Lyons 1999; Bernstein 2008; Longobardi 2008). One basis for this work is Postal's (1969) seminal work on "so-called pronouns", i.e. adnominal pronoun constructions (APCs) like English *we linguists*, and its modern reinterpretation in light of Abney's (1987) DP hypothesis. This analysis treats adnominal pronouns as realisations of a D head as illustrated in (1). However, the discussion has been largely restricted to a few languages (with the notable exception of Pesetsky 1978 and Lyons 1999), in particular English, German, Japanese and Italian.

(1)



In this talk, I will present some results of the first large-scale crosslinguistic survey of APCs in a sample of about 80-90 languages from a range of different language families, including some tentative generalisations regarding the word order of APCs and restrictions in the person/number combinations that can occur inside APCs (cf. the ungrammaticality of third person and singular APCs in English: *\*they linguists*, *\*I linguist*, *\*I idiot*).

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