Richard returns: Quirks of Progressive Clauses as Copy Raising in Kasem

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In this talk, I discuss progressive constructions in Kasem (a Mabia/Gur language of Ghana). I show that the progressive clause in Kasem has a bi-clausal structure with the hallmarks of a type of Raising called Copy Raising (CR, christened as 'Richard'). Assuming a movement approach to CR, however, raises challenges for the Activity Condition (cf. the traditional Tensed-S Condition) and the Phase Impenetrable Condition (PIC). To obviate these challenges, I assume a predicational base-generation approach for progressive CR in Kasem. The implications of the study are that: (i) it supports the elimination of the need to facilitate movement from within a finite clause in CR, and (ii) it expands the typology of raising predicates and analyses beyond perception/evidential verbs to a wider functional domain.