

The Syntax of Georgian Copular Constructions

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Our study focuses on nominal and adjectival copular constructions in Georgian, a South Caucasian language.

Our focus is on the relation between the syntax of copular constructions and their interpretation as predicational vs. specificational copular constructions, through the study of the interaction between three factors: the position of the copula, the ‘subject-predicate’ relative word-order, and information structural properties of these constructions.

The data has been obtained using the SynCop project questionnaire. It includes introspection data from one of the co-authors (LN), and data elicited from other Georgian speakers. LN has a well established experience working with and publishing research on Georgian, of which she is also a native speaker. She is the leader of the International Research Network *CauLaGe*, on Caucasian Languages spoken in Georgia. IR is a workpackage leader in the project and is responsible for the workpackage on ‘Linking subjects and predicates’. She has experience working on copular constructions more specifically. Both authors have prior experience doing fieldwork on varied languages.