

A montagovian approach to minimalist semantics

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Semantics in minimalism (or in GB) is different from its realization in most other grammatical formalisms. Jacobson (2000) notes that minimalist semantics is not compositional. In earlier work, I showed how to reformulate the standard minimalist semantics (Fox; Heim&Kratzer) in a compositional manner. In order to deal with pronoun binding, I complicated the system so as to be compositional in name, but not in the spirit of Kracht (2011). A more canonical solution exists (Stabler, 1997), but is unable to deal with pronoun binding. Here I build on the insights of de Groote (2006), who provides a reinterpretation of dynamic semantics in the simply typed lambda calculus via continuations, to reformulate minimalist semantics in truly compositional terms.