

German as a Bantu language

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In this talk, I pursue the question what features really are and especially what they are not. It will become clear that although German is not a typical Bantu language, it certainly boasts some Bantu-like properties. Consequence of the analysis is that the language faculty cannot do without features, but at the same time features are not what they are usually thought to be in minimalist theories.