

Clitic doubling and differential object marking in Romanian

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The aim of this talk is to present an analysis of the interaction between clitic doubling and differential object marking. First I show that the conditions for the doubling of preverbal and postverbal direct objects are different. Secondly, I show that the conditions for the doubling of postverbal direct objects depend on whether or not the direct object and the verb are part of the same intonation phrase. Thirdly, I argue that the doubling of postverbal direct objects which are in the same intonation phrase as the verb can be viewed as differential object marking, based on the diachronic development of the doubling of these direct objects. Fourthly, I argue that weak (clitic) pronouns in Romanian should be analysed uniformly as having the same meaning as strong pronouns, despite the fact that weak pronouns can co-occur with full direct object NPs.