

# **"Specificity and the left periphery in the acquisition of Spanish"**

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In this presentation I intend to explore the role of specificity in Spanish NPs which appear in the left periphery and which cooccur with a clitic or a resumptive pronoun in the matrix clause. In particular I will look at clitic left-dislocation and compare it on the one hand with clitic doubling and on the other with wh-questions. Clitic doubling and clitic left-dislocation share the cooccurrence of the clitic with a NP. Clitic left-dislocation and wh-questions share the displacement of the NP, but differ in the topicalisation involved in the former as opposed to the latter. It is here that specificity plays a role.

On this background I will consider the development of specificity in the acquisition of Spanish as a first and as a second language.