

Special Issue

Parametric Approaches to Cross-Linguistic Variation and Child Language Acquisition

Message from the Guest Editor

It is our pleasure to announce a call for papers on parametric approaches to cross-linguistic variation and child language acquisition. By “parametric”, we mean any approach in which the points of grammatical variation across languages are taken to be (i) abstract (i.e., affecting multiple, superficially distinct surface constructions) and (ii) restricted to a limited number of discrete options. This definition is deliberately broad. Our intent is to encompass approaches, for example, that attribute syntactic variation to differences in the abstract features of functional heads, or that capture phonological variation in terms of differences in the ranking of violable constraints. This Special Issue is intended to showcase efforts of this kind. All theoretical and methodological frameworks are welcome. Comparative analyses (of how different theoretical or methodological approaches address parametric variation in grammar) are especially welcome.

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