Special Issue

Morpho(phono)logy/Syntax Interface

Message from the Guest Editors

An old idea supported by some authors is that morphology is a kind of ornamental property (Embick), somehow a superficial imperfection of language (Aronoff), motivated by the apparent lack of isomorphism between morphological and syntactic structures. This view appears to be simply speculative. If this were the case, we should ask ourselves why language should be committed to obscuring or complicating the relationship between interpretative (C-I) and sensorimotor (SM) systems with non-isomorphism and syncretism. Based on these considerations, the aim of this Issue is to provide a theoretical and descriptive discussion of the most crucial property of human language design, namely the relationship between syntax and syntactic categories, and the formal devices that express them. According to a traditional view, words provide the lexical content, while the rules of syntax would be responsible for the interpretative level of the sentence. In fact, in most languages, syntax is manifested through inflections and derivational affixes and other formal devices...

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