

Relativization strategies in Chinese Cantonese

Abstract: Cantonese relative clause possesses two main constructions, with or without a function word **ge3**, while this word is absent in the relative construction, classifier is obligated to present with the antecedent. On account of the existence of another form, which contains at the same time the function word **ge3** and classifier of antecedent (as well as demonstrative), it leads to a hypothesis that the two main relative structures might derive from the same mother structure. This presentation is going to discuss the possibility of this hypothesis by the help of three sources in different domains in linguistics including syntax, prosody and language processing.

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