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October 3, 3:30 pm

Room 1421 (Building #14, next to the Graduate School Building)

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Reception will follow.

On Indexicals in Zazaki Reported Speech

I will begin with a 22-minute documentary film I directed, called "Within an Eye and an Ear Towards Zazaki" (an Indo-Iranian language), which gives background on the language and the context in which the research was conducted.

I proceed to describing the interpretations of indexical pronouns in embedded speech reports, demonstrating that they can shift their referent to the context-of-utterance (so that the 1st person pronoun in "Ali said that I am rich" can be bound by "Ali").

Importantly, there are clausemate restrictions on shifting that obey locality and demand a treatment in terms of an operator that shifts the parameters of evaluation. Comparisons with Amharic, and the theoretical machinery of Schlenker (2003) and von Stechow (2002) will be proposed.

A longer abstract is downloadable at:

http://web.mit.edu/anevins/www/zazaki.pdf

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