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Three Streams of Generative Language Acquisition Research-Tania Iordan 2015-04-15 This edited volume contains a representative sample of papers presented at the 7th meeting of the Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition – North America (GALANA-7) conference. The book features three streams of research (Variation in Input, First Language Acquisition, and Second Language Acquisition), each of which investigates the nature of language acquisition from the generative perspective. A unique feature of the GALANA conferences, and this volume, is the bringing together of research on generative language acquisition and research on the role that cross-dialectal input variation plays in acquisition. This volume should be of interest to scholars and students of first language acquisition, second language acquisition, and input variation.

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Proceedings of the 2nd Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA)-Alyona Belikova 2007 This proceedings contains 46 papers and posters presented at the 2nd Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA), which was held August 17-19, 2006, in Montreal. The authors examine first and second language acquisition issues in a large number of languages. The papers focus on the acquisition of syntax, semantics, phonology, and morphology.

Language Acquisition and Development-Misha Becker 2020-03-10 An introduction to the study of children’s language development that provides a uniquely accessible perspective on generative/universal grammar-based approaches. How children acquire language so quickly, easily, and uniformly is one of the great mysteries of the human experience. The theory of Universal Grammar suggests that one reason for the relative ease of early language acquisition is that children are born with a predisposition to create a grammar. This textbook offers an introduction to the study of children’s acquisition and development of language from a generative/universal grammar-based theoretical perspective, providing comprehensive coverage of children’s acquisition while presenting core concepts crucial to understanding generative linguistics more broadly. After laying the theoretical groundwork, including consideration of alternative frameworks, the book explores the development of the sound system of language—children’s perception and production of speech sound; examines how words are learned (lexical semantics) and how words are formed.
Language Acquisition Studies in Generative Grammar—Kenneth Wexler 1994 This is a collection of essays on the native and non-native acquisition of syntax within the Principles and Parameters framework. In line with current methodology in the study of adult grammars, language acquisition is studied here from a comparative perspective. The unifying theme is the issue of the ‘initial state’ of grammatical knowledge: For native language, the important controversy is that between the Continuity approach, which holds that Universal Grammar is essentially constant throughout development, and the Maturation approach, which maintains that portions of UG are subject to maturation. For non-native language, the theme of initial states concerns the extent of native-grammar influence. Different views regarding the continuity question are defended in the papers on first language acquisition. Evidence from the acquisition of, inter alia, Berinese, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Icelandic, Italian and Japanese, is brought to bear on issues pertaining to clause structure, null subjects, verb position, negation, Case marking, modality, non-finite sentences, root questions, long-distance questions and scrambling. The views defended on the initial state of (adult) second language acquisition also differ: from complete L1 influence to different versions of partial L1 influence. While the target language is German in these studies, the native language varies: Korean, Spanish and Turkish. Analyses invoke UG principles to account for verb placement, null subjects, verbal morphology and Case marking. Though many issues remain, the volume highlights the growing ties between formal linguistics and language acquisition research. Such an approach provides the foundation for asking the right questions and putting them to empirical test.

Generative Perspectives on Language Acquisition—Harald Clahsen 1996-01-01 Part of the “Language Acquisition and Language Disorders” series, this text covers such topics as: the underspecification of functional categories in early grammar; and the role of merger theory and formal features in acquisition.

Generative Approaches to the Acquisition of English by Native Speakers of Japanese—Shigenori Wakabayashi 2002


Proceedings of the 6th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA 2002)—Juana M. Liceras 2003 This proceedings contains 39 of the 53 papers and posters that were presented at the 6th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA), including the plenary talk given by Lisa Travis. The theme of the conference, “Links to Allied Disciplines”, brought together scholars working not only in the field of second language acquisition, but also in the areas of linguistic theory, first language acquisition, language processing and language impairment.


The Acquisition of Heritage Languages—

Innovative Research and Practices in Second Language Acquisition and Bilingualism—John W. Schwietzer 2013-08-15 This volume brings together theoretical perspectives and empirical studies in second language (L2) acquisition and bilingualism and discusses their implications for L2 pedagogy. The book is organized into three sections that focus on prominent linguistic and cognitive theories and together provide a compelling set of state-of-the-art works. Part I consists of studies that give rise to innovative applications for second language teaching and learning and Part II discusses how findings from cognitive research can inform practices for L2 teaching and learning. Following these two sections, Part III provides a summative commentary of the theories explored in the volume along with suggestions for future research directions. The book is intended to act as a valuable reference for scholars, applied linguists, specialists in pedagogy, language educators, and anyone wishing to gain an overview of current issues in SLA and bilingualism.
The Oxford Handbook of Universal Grammar-Ian Roberts 2017-01-05 This handbook provides a critical guide to the most central proposition in modern linguistics: the notion, generally known as Universal Grammar, that a universal set of structural principles underlies the grammatical diversity of the world’s languages. Part I considers the implications of Universal Grammar for philosophy of mind and the philosophy of language, and examines the history of the theory. Part II focuses on linguistic theory, looking at topics such as explanatory adequacy and how phonology and semantics fit into Universal Grammar. Parts III and IV look respectively at the insights derived from UG-inspired research on language acquisition, and at comparative syntax and language typology, while Part V considers the evidence for Universal Grammar in phenomena such as creoles, language pathology, and sign language. The book will be a vital reference for linguists, philosophers, and cognitive scientists.

New Trends in Language Acquisition Within the Generative Perspective-Pedro Guijarro-Fuentes 2020-01-17 This book presents a comprehensive, state-of-the-art treatment of the acquisition of Indo- and Non-Indo-European languages in various contexts, such as L1, L2, L3/Ln, bi/multilingual, heritage languages, pathology as well as language impairment, and sign language acquisition. The book explores a broad mix of methodologies and issues in contemporary research. The text presents original research from several different perspectives, and provides a basis for dialogue between researchers working on diverse projects with the aim of furthering our understanding of how languages are acquired. The book proposes and refines new theoretical constructs, e.g. regarding the complexity of linguistic features as a relevant factor forming children’s, adults’ and bilingual individuals’ acquisition of morphological, syntactic, discursive, pragmatic, lexical and phonological structures. It appeals to students, researchers, and professionals in the field.

Second Language Acquisition-Roumyana Slabakova 2016-04-15 This textbook approaches second language acquisition from the perspective of generative linguistics. Roumyana Slabakova reviews and discusses paradigms and findings from the last thirty years of research in the field, focussing in particular on how the second or additional language is represented in the mind and how it is used in communication. The adoption and analysis of a specific model of acquisition, the Bottleneck Hypothesis, provides a unifying perspective. The book assumes some non-technical knowledge of linguistics, but important concepts are clearly introduced and defined throughout, making it a valuable resource not only for undergraduate and graduate students of linguistics, but also for researchers in cognitive science and language teachers.

Proceedings of the 3rd Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA 2008) Jean Crawford 2009 This volume contains 33 papers and posters presented at the 3rd Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA 2008), which was held at the University of Connecticut in Sturms from September 4-6, 2008. The conference included a special focus on language acquisition and cross-linguistic variation, as well as original research in many areas of first and second language acquisition.

Minimalist Inquiries Into Child and Adult Language Acquisition-Acrasio Pires 2009 Biographical note: Acrasio Pires, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA; Jason Rothman, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA.


Proceedings of the 13th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA 2015)-David Stringer 2016 This volume contains 19 papers presented at the 13th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA 2015), which took place from March 4-6, 2015, at Indiana University Bloomington, including the keynote from Rex Sproose.

Measuring L2 Proficiency-Pascal Leclercq 2014-07-01 The creation of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) has given rise to intensive research among psycholinguists and researchers alike in the reliability and feasibility of the assessment of second language (L2) proficiency. This volume brings together concrete ideas on identifying and measuring L2 proficiency from different branches of SLA research (psycholinguistic, sociolinguistic, corpus-based, applied linguistics) to contribute to a deeper understanding of what it means to be proficient in an L2. The chapters introduce a wide range of tools that are innovative, reliable, and easy-to-use for the evaluation of learners’ language level with respect to both productive and receptive skills and provide a variety of answers to the question of how to assess L2 proficiency in a valid, reliable and practical manner. The collection will therefore inspire language teachers, teacher trainers and language testing specialists and help them adapt their assessment practices when necessary, and will also be a valuable resource for postgraduate students and researchers.

Georg Büchner- 1969 Acquisition of Romance Languages-Pedro Guijarro-Fuentes 2016-09-12 This volume presents a collection of new articles that investigate the acquisition of Romance languages across different acquisition contexts as well as refine and propose new theoretical constructs such as complexity of linguistic features as a relevant factor forming children’s, adults’, and bilinguals’ acquisition of syntactical, morphological, and phonological structures.

Syntactic Structures-Noam Chomsky 2020-05-29 The L2 Acquisition of Spanish Subjects-Margaret Quesada 2015-07-01 There is a long overdue need to address the sharp philosophical and methodological divide between formal/generative and functional/discourse perspectives in contemporary theoretical linguistics and L2 acquisition. Language structure in general, and the use of subjects in particular, is dependent upon multiple linguistic and discourse-pragmatic factors. Therefore, the study of L2 acquisition must be equally multi-faceted. This volume examines data from over twenty years of research in the L2 acquisition of Spanish subjects from several theoretical perspectives, including generative approaches, processing theory, discourse-pragmatics and sociolinguistic-variationist models. By so doing, the author seeks to fulfill two major objectives: the first is to determine the many linguistic and extra-linguistic properties of Spanish subjects that constrain their acquisition and use; and the second is to establish common ground among researchers from varied theoretical persuasions in acquisition studies. The author argues throughout the volume that central to native speaker use and L2 acquisition are universal properties ranging from highly specific syntactic principles to more general characteristics of human cognition and a range of these properties is responsible for language acquisition. An examination of the diverse body of research that considers a wider scope of universal properties of language can thus bring us closer to a unified account of the L2 acquisition of Spanish subject expression.

Contemporary Approaches to Second Language Acquisition-María del Pilar García Mayo 2013-02-19 Second language acquisition (SLA) is a field of inquiry that has increased in importance since the 1960s. Currently, researchers adopt multiple perspectives in the analysis of learner language, all of them providing different but complementary answers to the understanding of oral and written data produced by young and older learners in different settings. The main goal of this volume is to provide the reader with updated reviews of the major contemporary approaches to SLA, the research carried out within them and, wherever appropriate, the implications and/or applications for theory, research and pedagogy that might derive from the available empirical evidence. The book is intended for SLA researchers as well as for graduate (MA, Ph.D.) students in SLA research, applied linguistics and linguistics, as the different chapters will be a guide in their research within the approaches presented. The volume will also be of interest to professionals from other fields interested in the SLA process and the different explanations that have been put forward to account for it.

Grammatical theory-Stefan Müller This book introduces formal grammar theories that play a role in current linguistic theorizing (Phrase Structure Grammar, Transformational Grammar/Government & Binding, Generalized Phrase Structure Grammar, Lexical Functional Grammar, Categorial Grammar, Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar, Construction Grammar, Tree Adjoining Grammar). The key assumptions are explained and it is shown how the respective theory treats arguments and adjuncts, the active/passive alternation, local reorderings, verb placement, and fronting of constituents over long distances. The analyses are explained with German as the object language. The second part of the book compares these approaches with respect to their predictions regarding language acquisition and psycholinguistic plausibility. The nativism hypothesis, which assumes that humans posses genetically determined innate language-specific
knowledge, is critically examined and alternative models of language acquisition are discussed. The second part then addresses controversial issues of current theory building such as the question of flat or binary branching structures being more appropriate, the question whether constructions should be treated on the phrasal or the lexical level, and the question whether abstract, non-visible entities should play a role in syntactic analyses. It is shown that the analyses suggested in the respective frameworks are often translatable into each other. The book closes with a chapter showing how properties common to all languages or to certain classes of languages can be captured. This book is a new edition of http://langsci-press.org/catalog/book/25 and http://langsci-press.org/catalog/book/195.

Proceedings of the 7th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA 2004)-Laurent Dekydtspotter 2005 This volume contains 23 papers selected from the 7th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA 2004), which was held at Indiana University in Bloomington, April 15-18, 2004. Sessions addressed a range of empirical issues on L2 systems, including anaphoric relations, argument structure, ambiguity resolution in L2 sentence processing, L2 phonology and morphological acquisition, and acquisition of semantic and morphosyntactic properties. Topics discussed included the questions of the initial state of L2 acquisition, the nature of grammars acquired by adults, and differences and similarities between simultaneous and sequential bilingualism in children. These issues are reflected in the papers included in the proceedings.

The L2 Acquisition of English Finiteness by Cantonese Learners-Wai Lan Tsang 2003

Language Acquisition-Maria Teresa Guasti 2004 A comprehensive introduction to language acquisition based on current linguistic theory.