

Shifty asymmetries: universals and variation in shifty indexicality

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Shifty indexicals draw their reference from an attitude event, rather than from the overall utterance. In this talk, I take up the analysis of indexical shift from a crosslinguistic point of view. Not all languages with indexical shift behave identically in terms of which verbs and indexicals are involved in indexical shift, how much optionality is attested in indexical shift, and whether shifty indexicals must be interpreted *de se*. I outline a constrained typology which aims both to capture known variation in these patterns and to make testable predictions about its ultimate limits. The resulting account models variation both within and across languages using tools drawn from Anand and Nevins' (2004) shifty operator view. I enrich this view with two innovations: stacking of shifty operators, and shifty operators that fall outside the scope of centered modal quantification. The first innovation facilitates a constrained approach to partial indexical shift (wherein some types of indexicals shift but others do not); the second allows for a constrained theory of shifty indexicals that lack *de se* requirements.