

On two types of negative constituents and negative concord

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Progovac (1994) shows that Serbo-Croatian has two types of negative constituents. One type (the *ni*-series) requires clause-mate negation, while the other type (the *i*-series) does not tolerate clause-mate negation, co-occurring with long-distance negation. The *i*-series can also be licensed in certain non-negative environments, which is not possible with the *ni*-series. Progovac (1994) proposes a binding-theoretic account of the *ni/i*-series distinction. In this talk I will propose a new account of this distinction that does not rely on binding theory. The crucial argument for the new account will come from reconstruction effects. I will also examine in more detail the nature of the negation-negative constituent interaction in negative concord structures, drawing conclusions regarding this interaction which should hold crosslinguistically.