

The Interaction between Stress, Syntax and Meaning in Slovenian Priscianic Formations

Questions surrounding the place of morphology have always played an important role in grammatical theory. While the *Strong lexicalist hypothesis* places all morphology in the lexicon, the *Weak lexicalist hypothesis* assigns derivation to the lexicon and inflection to the syntax. This talk deals with Slovenian morphological data whose explanation requires an approach in which all words, be they a result of inflection or derivation, are subject to the same syntactic constraints and are thus created in the syntax component. The proposed analysis is couched in the view of *Distributed morphology*, Halle and Marantz (1993), Marantz (1997), Marantz (2001). Here, the phenomenon of the so-called *Priscianic formation* (Matthews (1972), Aronoff (1992)) in Slovenian will be closely examined, specifically the two common types of nominalizations formed on the stems of two different participles. The main claim is that the differences in the meaning and the stress pattern of these nominalizations can be derived from the differences in their structures and the syntactic restrictions applying at the word level, specifically the notion of phase, Chomsky (1999), Marantz (2001). Finally, the problems and the consequences that such an analysis has on the theory of syntax at the word level will be examined.

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