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Talk Title: Focus movement approach to bare wh-stripping in Japanese

In this talk, we examine the stripping construction that includes a wh-remnant with focus interpretation (wh-stripping). Saito (2017) argues that wh-indeterminate phrases in Japanese are operators that need to be specified for quantificational force. They undergo covert movement to the specifier of *ka* or *mo* to yield the interrogative or concessive interpretation. Saito (2021) further observes that wh-indeterminate phrases are not necessarily associated with *ka/mo*. Saito argues that such “bare” wh-phrases undergo focus movement to FocP in the CP periphery. Extending Saito’s (2021) analysis, we argue that wh-stripping is derived from the focalization of a wh-indeterminate phrase, followed by TP-deletion. We present empirical support for the current analysis by observing that wh-stripping exhibits different properties from those of clefts.

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