**The neighbourhood of (Pseudo-) Partitivity -- Genitives, Prepositions, Relations**

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(Pseudo) partitive constructions typically involve some sort of dependency marking on the inner nominal (case, prepositions etc.); conversely, formally identical constructions may have different interpretations (i.e. express a different relations between the nominals involved). The purpose of this talk is (i) to look at (pseudo-) partitives and formally identical constructions in German (and Icelandic) from the point of view of the formal components, and (ii) and present some novel observations from German (partially obtained from a recent judgment study).

One motivation for (i) is to refine and expand the taxonomy/typology of (pseudo-) partitive constructions as discussed e.g. in Falco & Zamparelli (2019). This approach, moreover, allows us to place (pseudo-) partitives on a continuum of nominal types and look at them not merely qua construction, but in terms of the elements that make up the construction. Special attention will be paid to the linking type, i.e. the mode of dependency marking and the effects it has.

Some illustrations of that last point from German; we will discuss the semantic effects of (exceptional) genitive marking in pseudo-partitives, cf. (1), and the semantics of the prepositions *an* “on” and *von* “from” in (pseudo-) partitives and other types of nominals, cf. (2).

(1)       a.         ein Kilo gelb-**e**/       ???gelb-**er**         Rüben
                        a    kilo yellow-agr/     yellow-gen turnips
                        “a kilo of carots”

            b.         eine Gruppe deutsch-**er**/    ???deutsch-**e**       Touristen
                        a      group   German-gen/      German-agr tourists
                        “a group of German tourists”

(2)       a.         eine Menge  **an**/**von** Wasser
                        an   amount on/from water
                        “a large amount of water”

            b.         der Konsum        **an**/**von** Alkohol
                        the consumption on/from alcohol

                        “the consumption of alcohol”