

## Case sensitivity reflects case structure: agreement, extraction, and clitics

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A variety of syntactic phenomena seem to be conditioned by morphological case (an effect known variously as ‘case discrimination’, ‘case targeting’, ‘case opacity’, or simply ‘case sensitivity’). In this talk I address three such phenomena—phi-agreement, A’ movement, and clitic-doubling—with the eye to two related questions: What is the representation of (marked) case on a nominal? And how are syntactic operations sensitive to this representation? In place of the relatively standard view of case as a feature on a DP, I argue that a full understanding of case sensitivity in syntactic operations calls for a view of (marked) case as a structure around DP, i.e. a KP. Treating case assignment as structure addition, and case sensitivity as structure sensitivity, I show how we can capture proposed hierarchies of case sensitivity in phi-agreement (Bobaljik 2008) and A’ movement (Otsuka 2006), as well as a novel case-hierarchy effect in the realm of clitic-doubling.