Korean Syntax and Semantics

Korean has proven to be an invaluable language to theoretical linguists, providing abundant examples of, and counterexamples to, key theoretical issues at the forefront of modern linguistic theories. Exploring the Korean language from both a syntactic and semantic perspective, this book provides an up-to-date linguistic analysis of its structure, combining minimalist syntax with accompanying compositional formal semantics. EunHee Lee’s detailed chapters cover the core architecture and phenomena of Korean, looking at the lexical layer, the functional layer, nominal structure, movements, and complex clauses. A broad range of empirically and theoretically important phenomena are discussed, enabling students and professional linguists alike to understand the workings of the language in current theoretical frameworks. The book also includes discussion questions, exercises, and lists of further reading to solidify the theoretical concepts, stimulate thinking, and develop the ability to analyze Korean using theoretical tools.

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ACC  accusative case
BENE  benefactive
CAU  causative
CL  classifier
COM  comitative
COMP  complementizer
COND  conditional
CONJ  conjunction
CONT  contrastive
copula
DAT  dative
DEC  declarative
DEF  deferential
DIR  direction
DISJ  disjunction
double past
EVI  evidential
EXCL  exclamation
EXH  exhortative
FOC  focus
FUT  future
GEN  genitive
HEAR  hearsay
HON  honorific
IMP  imperative
INSTR  instrument
INT  interrogative
LOC  locative
MOD  modality
MOOD  mood
NEG  negation
NOM  nominative
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