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Speech genre, addressee's perspective and pragmatic makedness in Kakataibo (Pano, Peru)

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Abstract

In this talk I discuss the forms attested in Kakataibo (Pano, Peru) for situating the information presented by the speaker from the perspective of the addressee. The constructions to be discussed here can satisfactorily be accounted for by means of the notions of epistemic status and epistemic stance, which have to do with the knowing status of speech act participants and how it is expressed in grammar. Although similar systems have been described for other South American languages, the diversity and the semantic and pragmatic properties of the morphological forms involved make the Kakataibo data highly interesting from a cross-linguistic perspective.