Parasitic Gaps Revisited

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Lee, Kap-Hee. 2011. Parasitic Gaps Revisited. Linguistic Research 28(3), 493-515. The present paper proposes a new perspective on parasitic gap constructions in Korean depending on the assumption that parasitic gap constructions are no longer marginal in acceptability according to Phillips (2006). Considering all the traits of analyses, we can see that the previous approaches in the GB framework are severely controversial. Also, the analyses of feature checking through Agree do not accommodate the core properties of parasitic gaps in Korean. This paper would compare interpretation-centered analysis with syntax-centered analysis. Conclusively I argue that parasitic gap constructions in Korean can be analyzed without stipulations in interpretation-centered grammar. The argument may imply that non-determinism based on an interpretive system can have explanatory adequacy in the analysis of parasitic gaps in head-final languages. (Seoul Theological University)

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