Apparent CP Deletion and DP Relatedness

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Sohn, Keun-Won. 2012. Apparent CP Deletion and DP Relatedness. *Linguistic Research* 29(1), 107-126. This paper deals with the apparent CP deletion phenomena in Korean discussed in Ahn & Cho (2009) first. Ahn & Cho claim that CP deletion is not allowed in Korean and the cases which seem to involve CP deletion are not really CP deletion constructions, but involve invisible pronoun pro. Although sharing the same view regarding the non-existence of real CP deletion, this paper deduces a different generalization from Ahn & Cho. According to Ahn & Cho, pro is allowed only when overt pronoun ku kes is allowed, regardless of whether there is a clausal DP counterpart of the apparently deleted CP or not. But this paper claims that there is a perfect parallelism between the occurrence of pro and the comparable clausal DP counterpart of the CP complement. This paper also provides an alternative analysis for the NPI containing CP deletion cases, showing that deletion is possible in these cases only when the NPI and its licenser are both included in the deletion (or replacement) site. (Hannam University)

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