

GSAS Workshops – Harvard Linguistics Circle

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Title: Factivity alternations arise at LF: an argument from Azeri

Abstract: Factivity alternations received at least two kinds of explanations in the literature: there are approaches that attribute the two readings to two different LFs (e.g. Özyıldız 2017, 2018) and approaches that derive the presence/absence of a factive inference by appealing to general pragmatic mechanisms (e.g., Beaver 2010, Abrusán 2011, Simons et. al 2017, Jeong 2021). In this talk I investigate verbs displaying two different kinds of factivity alternations in Azeri and argue that they provide evidence in favor of the structural approach to factivity alternations.