

The Strongest Meaning Hypothesis: Reciprocal Expressions and Relational Processes

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The Strongest Meaning Hypothesis about the interpretation of reciprocals was proposed by Dalrymple et al. as a general way of explaining the variety of meanings that reciprocals exhibit. In this talk I'll give a general overview of on-going research about various aspects of the SMH:

1. Its relations with possibly universal restrictions on the meaning of binary predicates.
2. Possible psycholinguistic relations between the SMH and prototypical understandings of predicates.
3. Differences in the availability of the SMH with different semantic domains of predicates of different syntactic categories.
4. Broader implications for the semantics of relational nouns.