

Generalised meaning of pronouns

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Abstract

This manuscript aims to provide a view over the generalised meaning of pronouns in the Albanian language, basically the personal, reflexive, demonstrative, possessive, relative and indefinite pronouns, based on our viewpoint.

In some uses, pronouns can reflect ambiguity. They can state a generalised or an individualised referent. This ambiguity is clarified in context. We will provide examples of the Albanian language to illustrate and analyse this phenomenon, but there will also be cases which we encounter in various English and French grammars.

However, in linguistics, generalization is viewed as a problematic and controversial phenomenon (Galmiche, 1985, 2), thus our explanations can be considered at the stage of debatable hypotheses.

Keywords: ambiguity, pronoun, generalised meaning, specific/individualised meaning.

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