Information structure in Amele, Papua New Guinea

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Abstracts:

This study deals with the information structure of Amele, a Trans-New Guinea language, Papua New Guinea. This study illustrates several grammatical behaviors related to the information structure. Amele has a rigid word order SOV, and does not have a grammatical voice. The topic and comment in Amele are affected by switch reference, object topicalization, discourse markers, and others. This study will clarify how Amele uses the grammatical means to deal with information flow, and finally, I claim that Amele has a limited few means of dealing information in the grammar.