

## On the syntax and processing of Spanish ORCs

In my previous talk(s) I presented the results of my experiments on child comprehension of Spanish subject and object relative clauses (SRC, ORC). I interpreted my findings within the broader theoretical debate on locality and argued in favour of an interface-based account to amelioration effects. In such an approach, I showed, both the grammar proper and domain-general constraints are predicted to contribute to whether/how a specific cue will ease the disruption generated by intervention effects. In this talk I will focus on the second of these factors, namely the mechanics of the sentence-analyser. Based on accuracy and reaction times in the interpretation of SRCs and ORCs by adult Spanish speakers, I will illustrate how cues that occur linearly earlier lead to a faster and (generally) more accurate processing. First, however, I will take into account the syntax underlying my experimental stimuli in order to assess whether and to what extent they build on uniform structures/derivations.