

Final Project

Reading

Van Valin, Robert D. and Randy J. LaPolla (1997) *Syntax: Structure, Meaning, and Function*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. P 291 V34
§§6.2, 6.3 (pp. 250–285)

Question

Van Valin and LaPolla present a theory of “grammatical relations” in the context of a functionalist theory of syntax called Role and Reference Grammar (RRG). Write a short paper comparing Van Valin & LaPolla’s approach with the approach to grammatical functions developed in the course. Pay particular attention to the concept of “restricted neutralization” and its role in the RRG approach to grammatical relations/functions.