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Grammar of Honorification

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Panlingua Language Processing

1. OVERVIEW





Verbal Domain

2nd Person 3rd Person

Subject honorification (Subject agreement)

ent) (Allocutive agreement)

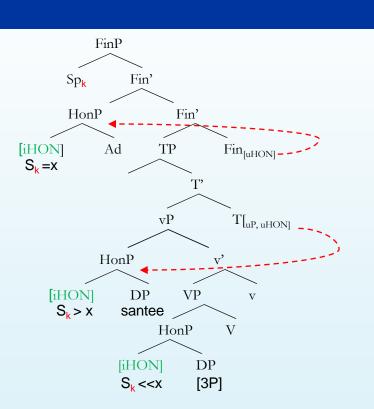
Addressee honorification

2. DATA

(1) a. Tu Ram-ke dekhl-eN / dekhl-a You Ram-ACC saw-2NHS saw-2HS 'You (my friend/my elder) saw Ram.
b. Apne Ram-ke dekhla-thi(n). you.HH Ram-ACC saw-2HHS 'You (my teacher) saw Ram.'

(2) a. Santeeaa okraa / unkaa dekhl-ai Santee.FM him.NH/him.(H)H saw-NH 'Santee saw him (a friend/father or a teacher).'
b. Baabaa/MaTar-saaheb okraa / unkaa dekhl-thi(n). Grandfather/teacher him.NH/him.(H)H saw-(H)H
'Grandfather/teacher saw him (a friend/ father or a priest)'

(3) Ham jaait h-i-au / h-i-o/h-i-ain
 I going be-1-NHA/ be-1-HA/ be-1-HHA
 'I am going.' (to a friend/'to father/ to a teacher)



- (7) $[iHON] = \lambda x. S_i \prec x$ where \prec represents an ordering (hierarchical) relation (<, <<, \geq)

(6)

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2. DATA

□ Magahi Add-Agr is non-root clause phenomenon..

(4) Relative clause

Laikwaa [je kalaas aawa hl-au] u bimaar h-au. Boy REL class come was-NHA DEM sick is-NH 'The boy who used to came to class is sick.'

(5) Noun complement clause

Aphawaah [ki u mar gel-au] sahii hal-au. rumor COMP he die went.NHA true was-NHA 'The rumor that he died was true.'

4. Advantage over PPZ (2019)

(9) a. Apne okar kitaab unkaa del-thin you.HH his.NH book him.H gave-3.HHS You (=teacher) will introduce his (= a brother) to him (=father).⁵

b. [FinP Sp_i Fin [You_k returned his_n book to him_m]] HH:(i<<k) H:(i \ge n) NH:(i<m)

□ Each DP independently expresses its social rank relative to the speaker, unlike Portner et al (2019), where it is fixed on a C-like head.

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