

Human impersonals in Spanish: the role of transitivity
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Spanish has a large number of constructions that can codify human impersonals, such as 1PL, 2SG, 3PL verbal morphology and reflexive passive and impersonal constructions. The distribution of these different constructions has been shown to depend on semantic factors such as the inclusion of the speaker or the interpretation of the agent but also on a number of extra-linguistic factors on the basis of spoken corpus data (Posio 2015, 2016). Moreover, transitivity of the clause was shown to play a role in the distribution of 3PL verbal morphology, reflexive passive and reflexive impersonal in atlas data (de Benito Moreno 2010). In this talk I will turn to spoken corpus data to investigate the role of transitivity (based on verbal aspect and valency) and the interpretation of the agent in the distribution of these different constructions in a corpus of spoken rural Spanish (COSER), in order to check and enlarge these previous works.

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