

On the diversity of linguistic and cognitive factors affecting anaphora resolution

Ianthi Maria Tsimpli

University of Cambridge

Anaphora resolution has been shown to be a complex process affected by linguistic factors (e.g. word-order and pronominal inventories), cognitive factors (e.g. age, working memory and cognitive control) and language experience (bilingualism and education). I will focus on a small number of studies focusing on a combination of these different factors. I will argue that despite the multiplicity of factors affecting anaphora resolution, linguistic properties of the target language (either L1 or L2) take priority over cognitive factors in anaphora resolution.