## Deriving sameness indexicality in Mỹky

This talk discusses novel data on speaker and addressee indexicality in Mỹky, an isolate language of southern Amazonia spoken in Brazil (Monserrat 2010; Bardagil & Monserrat to appear). It is spoken by approximately 100 people living on the Juruena basin in central Brazil, on the eastern margin of the Guaporé-Mamoré region (van der Voort & Crevels 2008).

In Mỹky, sameness between the speaker and the addressee is indicated morphologically on the verb. This includes **sex indexicality**, whereby the grammar of a language indicates the sex of the speech event participants (Silverstein 1985: 223). Mỹky indicates that by using a suffix slot at the rightmost end of the polysynthetic verb complex (1). The morphemes indicating sex mismatch,  $s\tilde{a}\sim -x\tilde{a}$ , and sex similarity,  $\varrho\sim -n\tilde{\iota}$ , are the same for male and female speakers.

Sex indexicality is not a cross-linguistic rarity, being attested in particular in several Amazonian languages (Rose 2015). However, in Mỹky the morphological indexes of sameness are used, besides sex indexicality, to encode whether speaker and addressee belong to the same **age category** and **cosmological category**, as well as to indicate certain **kinship relations**.

Mỹky directly touches on our knowledge of the features that are relevant to the indexicality of speech event participants, as opposed to predicate-level participants. In this regard, I will share my ongoing work on this phenomeon looking at a diversity of contexts, namely various main and embedded contexts, as well as the checking and valuation process of the relevant features in the syntactic derivation.

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