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Abstract

SENĆOŦEN has a set of second-position clitics following the initial prosodic word of the clause. In this thesis, I propose that second-position clitics occur following the initial prosodic word as a result of constraints governing the mapping between syntactic and prosodic structure in the prosodic-computation (P-computation) component of the grammar. In the syntax, I argue that 2PCs in SENĆOŦEN occupy positions above the prosodic word that precedes them in the final representation. However, a preference for 'strong' left edges of prosodic constituents results in a violation of the constraint governing linearization of the syntactic structure, allowing the clitics to follow the initial prosodic word. Because the placement of 2PCs is governed by the same constraints that govern prosodic structure of the language more generally, 2PC placement is not treated as an isolated phenomenon, but rather reflects prosodic tendencies otherwise found in the language.