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Marking the Default
Auxiliary selection in Southern Italian dialects

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1. Raddoppiamento Fonosintattico is a phonological process typical of Central and Southern Italian dialects, the presence of which is unattested in the rest of Romance languages.
2. In all Central and Southern Italian dialects, Raddoppiamento Fonosintattico is found after a subset of words that admitted a consonant in word-final position in Latin.
3. Third person singular present perfect auxiliaries license Raddoppiamento Fonosintattico only in a subset of Southern Italian dialects.
4. In a large number of Apulian and Campanian dialects, metaphony is never attested with lexical verbs of the first class in the present indicative.
5. Richly inflected verbal paradigms are not directly associated with V-to-T movement.
6. A feature learnt before another in the acquisitional path is considered as an instance of default.
7. Feature opposition gives rise to markedness effects.
8. Subject clitics of the northern Italo-Romance type do not share the same morphosyntactic and phonological properties with DP-subjects of non-null subject languages.
9. Collecting linguistic data for language documentation is a cooperation between the fieldworker(s) and the fieldworker(s).
10. A significant number of Apulian dialects are spoken east of Campanian dialects.
11. In Italo-Romance, dialects featuring subject clitics are geographically located at a higher latitude than those admitting a three-way gender distinction of determiners and demonstratives.