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論文題目 Title	The syntactic and semantic principles of the argument realization of German deverbal nominalizations: Focusing on the contribution of nominal arguments to referent identification
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This dissertation deals with the argument realization of deverbal nominalizations in German. A nominalization seems to “inherit” arguments from its base verb. For instance, the postnominal genitive *Marias* ‘of Maria’ and the prepositional phrase *durch Peter* ‘by Peter’ in (1a) represent the arguments of *behandeln* ‘to treat’ in (1’a). Similarly, the postnominal genitive *Galliens* ‘of Gaul’ and the prepositional phrase *durch Cäsar* ‘by Caesar’ in (1b) stand for the arguments of *erobern* ‘to conquer’ in (1’b):

- (1) a. **Die Behandlung Marias durch Peter** dauert noch an.  
 the treatment.NOM Maria.GEN by Peter.ACC go\_on.3SG.PRS still PTCL  
 ‘The treatment of Maria by Peter is still ongoing.’
- b. **Die Eroberung Galliens durch Cäsar** begann im Frühjahr 57 v.Chr.  
 the conquest.NOM Gaul.GEN by Caesar.ACC begin.3SG.PST in\_the Spring.DAT 57  
 BC  
 ‘The conquest of Gaul by Caesar began in the spring of 57 BC.’
- (1’) a. Peter behandelt Maria.  
 Peter.NOM treat.3SG.PRS Maria.ACC  
 ‘Peter treats Maria.’

- b. Cäsar eroberte Gallien.  
 Caesar.NOM conquer.3SG.PST Gaul.ACC  
 ‘Caesar conquered Gaul.’

An important background in this connection is the not straightforward relation of verbal arguments to “argument-like” elements of nominalizations: Whereas the subject *Peter* in (1’a) can correspond to a postnominal genitive as in (2a), the subject *Cäsar* in (1’b) cannot as in (2b).

- (2) a. **Die Behandlung Peters** dauert noch an.  
 the treatment.NOM Peter.GEN go\_on.3SG.PRS still PTCL  
 ‘Peter’s treatment (= Peter treats somebody; = Somebody treats Peter) is still ongoing.’
- b. **Die Eroberung Cäsars** begann im Frühjahr 57 v.Chr.  
 the conquest.NOM Caesar.GEN begin.3SG.PST in\_the Spring.DAT 57 BC  
 ‘Caesar’s conquest ( $\neq$  Caesar conquers something; = Somebody conquers Caesar) began in the spring of 57 BC.’

The questions this dissertation addresses are as follows:

- Q1 What kinds of principled rules can adequately describe and predict the argument realization patterns of German nominalizations?
- Q2 Is it possible, and if so, how, to distinguish arguments from adjuncts in the nominal domain, for although an element that extends a nominal phrase is generally optional, obligation is regarded as the main criterion for distinguishing arguments from adjuncts in the verbal domain?
- Q3 Why are arguments generally optional in the nominal domain but obligatory in the verbal domain?
- Q4 Why do some nominalizations such as *Schlag* ‘hit’ lack object genitives, genitives that represent the accusative of the base verb, as in (3), although the usual nominalization (of a transitive verb) allows such genitives in general?

- (3) **Der Schlag des Nachbarn** hat sich vor Mitternacht ereignet.  
 the hit.NOM the neighbor.GEN PRF.3SG.PRS REF.ACC before midnight  
 happen.PTCP  
 ‘The neighbor’s hit (= The neighbor hits somebody; ≠ Somebody hits the  
 neighbor) happened before midnight.’

From the basic assumption that the head-initial nominal phrase and the head-final verbal phrase have symmetric structures, I give a syntactic analysis (4) of German nominal phrases.

- (4) [DP die [<sub>NP</sub> [<sub>n'</sub> Behandlung<sub>i</sub> [<sub>NP</sub> Marias t<sub>i</sub>]]]]  
 the treatment.NOM Maria.GEN  
 ‘the treatment of Maria’

Because NP-Spec, the structural position for genitive assignment, is right-adjacent to the n-head, a structural argument of a noun always takes the form of a post-nominal genitive. By distinguishing argument genitives from adjunct genitives with the criterion below (cf. A2), I answer questions Q1–Q4 with A1–A4:

A1: A nominalization inherits the semantic form (SF) of its base verb and shifts the situational argument onto the referential argument. The argument structure (AS) of a derivational nominalization (*ung*-, stem-, and *e*-nominalization) also registers the thematic arguments that can identify the situation. These arguments are Agent and/or Patient for an activity and Theme for a change-of-state. This type of nominalization realizes the structural argument explicitly, so far as this helps to identify the referent.

An infinitival nominalization is an “intensional expression of situation,” which can denote, but cannot refer to a unique extension. Thus, a deverbal nominalization that refers to an unique situation cannot be paraphrased with an infinitival nominalization, as in (5a) and (5b):

- (5) a. Im kommenden Jahr jährt sich **die Besteigung des Mount Everest durch Sir Edmund Hillary und Tenzing Norgay** zum 50sten Mal. (DWDS: Der Tagesspiegel, 22.12.2002)  
 in\_the next year.DAT year.3SG.PRS REF.ACC the climbing.NOM the Mount Everest.GEN by Sir Edmund Hillary.ACC and Tenzing Norgay.ACC to\_the 50th times.DAT  
 ‘The coming year celebrates the 50th anniversary after Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbed Mount Everest.’
- b. <sup>??</sup>Im kommenden Jahr jährt sich **das Besteigen des Mount Everest durch Sir Edmund Hillary und Tenzing Norgay** zum 50sten Mal.  
 in\_the next year.DAT year.3SG.PRS REF.ACC the climbing.NOM the Mount Everest.GEN by Sir Edmund Hillary.ACC and Tenzing Norgay.ACC to\_the 50th times.DAT

An infinitival nominalization does not presuppose the existence of participants. To satisfy the AS, therefore, it must either realize arguments explicitly or make them bound by a matrix argument.

A2: A structural argument of a noun takes the form of a postnominal genitive, while not every postnominal genitive is an argument. There are argument genitives, which satisfy the AS of a noun, and adjunct genitives, which are modifiers. An argument genitive is distinguished from an adjunct genitive with a phonological criterion: The former can be an articleless short proper noun with one or two syllables, the latter not, as in (6).

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| <p>(6) a. <b>Die Freundin Ulf</b>s kann wunderbar kochen.<br/>         the girlfriend.NOM Ulf.GEN can.3SG.PRS wonderful<br/>         cook.INF<br/>         ‘Ulf’s girlfriend can cook wonderfully.’</p> | } | argument genitive |
| <p>b. <b>Die Behandlung Ulf</b>s dauert noch an.<br/>         the treatment.NOM Ulf.GEN go_on.3SG.PRS still PTCL<br/>         ‘Ulf’s treatment is still ongoing.’</p>                                   |   |                   |
| <p>c. <b>*Der Computer Ulf</b>s ist kaputt.<br/>         the computer.NOM Ulf.GEN be.3SG.PRS broken</p>   | } | adjunct genitive  |

- c'. **Ulfs Computer** ist kaputt.  
 Ulf.GEN computer.NOM be.3SG.PRS broken  
 'Ulf's computer is broken.'

A3: Verbal arguments are obligatory because the interpretation of tense/mood requires the person/number of an argument. The inflected verb *rolle* can be indicative present and/or subjunctive I, depending on the person/number of the subject, as in (7):

- (7) a. Ich **rolle** das Fass in den Keller.  
 I.NOM roll.1SG.PRS the barrel.ACC into the cellar.ACC  
 'I roll the barrel down to the basement.'
- b. Der Ball **rolle** über die Seitenlinie.  
 the ball.NOM roll.3SG.SBJ1 over the side\_line.ACC  
 'The ball is said to roll over the sideline.'

Nominal arguments, on the other hand, are generally optional, because functional/relational nouns and derivational nominalizations (but not infinitival nominalizations) realize an argument only so far as it helps to identify the referent. If the referent is clear from the context, the argument can be implicit.

A4: An object genitive is usually possible, because the semantic lowest argument, which is coded accusative, can identify the situation. Some verbs such as *schlagen* 'to hit', code, however, a non-lowest argument secondarily in the accusative. A derivational nominalization of such verbs does not take the argument in question, because doing so would fail to help to identify the referent.

A1–A4 hold implications for studies of nominalizations and other topics. First: Infinitival nominalizations require careful treatment because of their argumental properties, and analyzing them as "intensional expressions" poses further questions: Does this property relate, and if so, how, to others of their characteristics such as lack of number or imperfectivity?; Is there an "intensional expression" besides infinitival nominalizations? Second: The referential function is revealed to be an essential property of nouns. This is crucial for studies of the difference between verbs and nouns. Third: The obligation is not an essential property of verbal arguments, but only a result of the necessity of person/number for tense/mood interpretation. This conclusion advances our

understanding of arguments and the argument structure of natural languages.