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Phrasal-level Tone Sandhi in Two Central Min Dialects

Linguistics Seminar

Date: 7 April 2020 (Tuesday)

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Venue: * Seminar will be conducted via ZOOM

Speaker :

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Abstract:

This talk will discuss the phrasal-level tone sandhi in Sanming and Shaxian, two representative Central Min dialects of Chinese. Although previous studies have noticed the complicated tone sandhi phenomena in both Sanming and Shaxian, their investigations are all confined to the lexical level. In this talk, I will show that tone sandhi phenomena at the phrasal level in these two dialects are more complicated than those at the lexical level. In Sanming and Shaxian, phrasal-level tone sandhi is a typical example of phonology-syntax interface: whether tone sandhi occurs in a given phrasal-level construction is not only decided by the phonological condition (i.e., tonal combination), but also determined by the internal syntactic structure of the construction. Within the framework of prosodic phonology, this talk will argue that the phrasal-level tone sandhi domain in these two dialects is the phonological phrase, and it is only within the domain of the phonological phrase that tone sandhi can apply at the phrasal level in these two dialects. I will demonstrate that the End/Edge-Based Approach (including its original parameterized algorithms and its recent development within the Optimality Theory) proposed within the framework of prosodic phonology cannot make correct predictions about the phrasal-level tone sandhi in either Sanming or Shaxian, while a slightly revised version of the Relation-Based Approach to phonological phrasing can nicely account for tone sandhi phenomena at the phrasal level in both dialects.

Speaker:

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