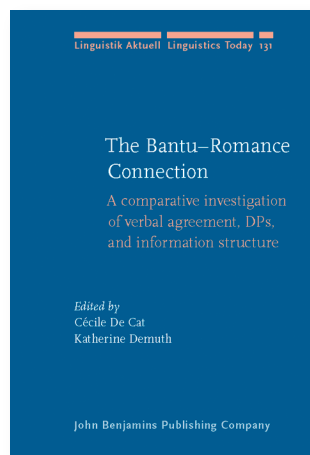


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A comparative investigation of verbal agreement, DPs, and information structure

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