

\*ST@R talk  
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"Parameters of Agreement; Consequences for Case"

In this talk, I will review the two parameters that govern syntactic agreement, which I presented in Baker 2008:ch5: The Case-dependence of Agreement Parameter, and the Direction of Agreement Parameter. First I discuss the systematic differences in agreement between Bantu languages and Indo-European languages that originally motivated these parameters. Then I present my efforts to show that these are bona fide syntactic parameters ("macroparameters") by showing that their effects are consistent over a typological sample of 108 languages. Finally (if there is time) I will discuss some work in progress that tries to use the parameters of agreement to refine a typology of case assignment patterns in languages of the world.