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Reflexives in the historical language contact situation between French and English

Abstract:

In this talk we will discuss the development of the reflexive system in Middle English (ME) and elaborate on recent findings of Percillier & Trips (2020) that argue for influence from Old French (OF). While focusing on the historical contact situation that affected Middle English (1150-1500), we will present the reflexive systems in both languages in the medieval and modern periods, discuss the general problem of grammatical contact with matching and non-matching grammars and highlight the empirical problems of corpus-based evidence and the quantitative interpretation of data.

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