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1. The feature-geometric organisation of phi-features restricts patterns of position dependent agreement in Dutch dialects.
2. The distribution of phi-features on lexical items can lead to differences in word order.
3. The valency of phi-features is not the same across grammatical modules.
4. Clitic doubling is a two-step operation.
5. Microcomparative research can corroborate the results of large typological studies.
6. Studying (dialects of) well-known languages will always be a fruitful endeavour.
7. Empirical linguistic phenomena should receive names that are neutral with respect to their analysis.
8. References of cited linguistic examples should include the page number of the source.
9. The best way to be productive is to take a break.