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On text coherence via frame-based and stereotype-based presuppositions

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Abstract

The article is an attempt to shed light on one of the most interesting issues on the crossroads of psycholinguistics, pragmatics and cognitive linguistics, that is, frame- and stereotype-based semantics and frame- and stereotype-based presuppositions as text coherence means. The findings of the article allow of the following statement: the text is implicitly structured via complex mental structures—frames and stereotypes—by virtue of their hierarchic, presuppositional structure. The appearance of a frame or a stereotype in the discourse implicitly introduces pieces of information—presuppositions—from its information slots. The presuppositions, structured in the slots of the frame and stereotype, create predictable associations of words and word-combinations on the surface structure of the text, thus securing its coherence.

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