How Case Features are Assigned and Checked in Split Ergative Language: Case of Mengrelian

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Presentation Summary:

How do people learn a complicated language system? Dr. Lomashvili explores the case features in a language with fourteen cases of nouns and adjectives and proposes the mechanism of how such a complex system is generated with the least amount of features posited for them as well as possible routes of acquisition of such complex systems.