Discourse structure and concurrent processes. Some evidence from pronominal anaphora interpretation.

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The aim of this paper is to take a look at discourse structure from the standpoint of pronominal anaphora processing and so-called ‘accessibility domains’. The core hypothesis of the paper is that attention-based anaphora interpretation models like Focus Theory or Centering Theory can be utilized in a more satisfying way if discourse is considered as a bundle of concurrent, interacting processes. Elaborating on this hypothesis, in the paper a central role is played by various notions borrowed from non-linear phonological frameworks.

Bibliographical References


