Deconstructing Correlatives: Individuals and Properties -- the case of Georgian `rom' relatives (joint work with Léa Nash, Paris 8/CNRS)

The literature on relativization makes reference to correlatives and internally headed relatives. Comparing Hindi-Urdu correlatives and `rom'-relatives in Georgian, we argue that these notions can be decomposed further. Correlatives have been taken to consist of an individual denoting free relative clause that is left-adjoined to a main clause that contains a demonstrative phrase associated with the free relative. `rom' relatives in Georgian satisfy half of this description- they are left peripheral clauses adjoined to a main clause which contains an associated demonstrative phrase. But we should that they on their own denote properties and not individuals. The definiteness found with Georgian correlatives is shown to follow from anaphora and not from the internal makeup of the relative clause. We propose that Georgian `rom' relatives can be seen as a kind of internally headed relative. This means that correlatives can be based on internally headed relatives as well as free relatives and that they can involve both individual anaphora and property anaphora.