

Syntactic Doubling in European Portuguese Dialects

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Overview

- dialect syntax in European Portuguese
current state and prospects
- syntactic doubling phenomena
in European Portuguese dialects
- subject doubling

Dialect syntax in Portugal

Past: no remarks

Present:

CORDIAL-SIN

syntax-oriented dialectal corpus

(Sept.1999 - end of 2006,
Centro de Linguística da Univ. de Lisboa)

- building up the corpus
- research on selected topics

Dialect syntax in Portugal

Future:

- CORDIAL-SIN
 - enhancement of the corpus
 - empirical basis for
- new thematic projects on dialect syntax

CORDIAL-SIN syntax-oriented dialectal corpus

- transcripts of
spontaneous and semi-directed speech
- morphosyntactic tagging
- (in the future) syntactic annotation

available at:

[http://www.clul.ul.pt/english/sectores/cordialsin/
projecto_cordialsin.html](http://www.clul.ul.pt/english/sectores/cordialsin/projecto_cordialsin.html)

Data

- selected excerpts from the oral interviews
gathered by the Research Group on Linguistic
Variation at CLUL within the scope of several
linguistic atlases
- Informants:
 - aged
 - low instruction
 - rural
 - born and raised in place of interview

Morphosyntactic tagging

- Main tags:
 - ❑ POS
 - ❑ word specific
 - ❑ punctuation
- Subtags
 - ❑ inflection: - tense/mood and person/number
- gender, number
 - ❑ detailed morphosyntactic information
(e.g. superlative, comparative value in ADJ)

Example

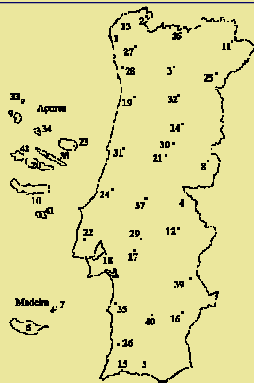
eu/PRO sempre/ADV pedi/VB-D-1S a/P
Deus/NPR para/P me/CL dar/VB um/D-UM
barco/N [...] O/D meu/PRO\$ barco/N tem/TR-
P-3S quatro/NUM rádios/N-P ,/, quatro/NUM
rádios/N-P ./ (VPA)

CORDIAL-SIN

❑ 500,000 words

❑ 42 locations

❖ Ana Maria Martins (coord.)
E. Carrilho (PhD)
M. Lobo (PhD)
C. Magro (PhD student)
S. Pereira (PhD student)



Dialect Syntax Research on:

- agreement phenomena
 - inflected gerund
 - agreement with *a gente*
 - agreement with postverbal argument
- double subject constructions
 - indefinite *se* + indefinite subject
 - expletive + referential subject
- overt expletives
- the structure of the left periphery
- clitics

Main Outcomes

- ✓ 1 Master's dissertation achieved
- ✓ 2 PhD dissertations achieved
- ✓ 2 PhD dissertations in progress
- ✓ papers, chapters...

cf.

http://www.clul.ul.pt/english/sectores/cordialsin/projecto_cordialsin_publicacoes.html

Syntactic Doubling Phenomena in European Portuguese Dialects

see handout