

**Der Innsbrucker Linguistische Arbeitskreis (ILAK)
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**Weak pronominal subjects in contemporary Italian.
The role of topicality.****Dienstag, 18. Mai 2021, 19.00 Uhr**

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<https://webconference.uibk.ac.at/b/chr-iag-v0w-g65>**Abstract:**

Italian has a tripartite system of personal pronouns (Cardinaletti / Starke 1999): strong, weak and clitic (null / pro for nominative forms). In the first part of this talk we illustrate the characteristics of weak pronouns and compare them with the other two pronominal groups, showing that weak pronouns represent an intermediate class between strong and clitic ones. In the second part we focus on the use of weak pronominal subjects in spoken and written contemporary Italian, presenting some examples taken from oral and written corpora (De Mauro 1993; Leone 2003; Mauri et al. 2019). Finally, we discuss the criteria that favour the choice of a weak pronoun as a subject, and focus on the role of such a pronoun in a pragmatic perspective.

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