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Scope and general policies of the journal

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|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| | barbecue-INTR | | DET | Strang | DET | fish | |
| | 'Strang | barbecues | the fish.' | | | | |
| | (Wiltschko 2006: 202) | | | | | | |
| (2) | a. | bawiä | lagahk | loä. | | | |
| (2) | a. | l.saw | SELF | me | | | |
| | | 'I saw mys | | ille | | | |
| | (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355) | | | | | | |
| | b. | lagahk | Juan | kayuhn-r | ni | rolihdz-ni. | |
| | | SELF | Juan | is.buildin | g-3sc | house-3sg.poss | |
| | 'Juan himself is building his house.' | | | | | | |
| | (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355) | | | | | | |
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| | | Juan | SELF.AO | | is.building-3 | ss house-3sg.poss | |
| | 'Juan is building his house himself.' | | | | | | |
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