

Reflexive Binding and Attitudes *de se*

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In this presentation, we develop an analysis of reflexive binding involving the reflexive *zibun* in Japanese. We argue that the reflexive *zibun* is bound by a POV (point of view) holder that minimally c-commands *zibun*. The POV holder is defined as an argument (typically subject and Experiencer) that can be a locus of *de se* belief.

In this light, we are going to argue that reflexive binding in Japanese differs from the Dutch counterpart in the following two respects:

1. There are no predicates which are lexically specified as being inherently reflexive in combination with *zibun*. \Rightarrow *Zibun* is not an SE-anaphor.
2. Some predicates are lexically specified as being anti-reflexive: Some predicates are incapable of hosting POV holders thus defined in combination with *zibun* and we call such predicates 'anti-reflexive' predicates, which are marked as such in the lexicon.

De se interpretation plays a key role in both local and long distance binding of *zibun*. We will show this by analysing along this line the following phenomena: (i) backward reflexivization in causative constructions, (ii) reflexive binding by non-c-commanding antecedents, (iii) desiderative and evidential constructions.