

Non-local binding in tenseless clauses

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I present evidence in this paper that the binding domain of the 3.sg./pl. reflexive in a Norwegian dialect is constrained by semantic tense, irrespective of the morphological finite status of the clause. As a result, the reflexive can be bound out of both non-finite and finite clauses, as long as the embedded clause has no semantic tense. When the embedded clause has semantic tense, long-distance binding cannot obtain. I propose that non-local binding in this dialect is a pied-piping by-product of interclausal verb movement from tenseless clauses, parallel to what has been proposed for 'restructuring'.