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THE RESUMPTIVE VIEW OF THE CANTONESE DUMMY *KEOI5* REVISITED

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ABSTRACT

This article compares the resumptive and expletive views on an understudied use of the Cantonese pronoun *keoi5*. We demonstrate that the resumptive view as recently proposed in Yip and Ahenkorah (2022) raises a number of complications, and the so-called dummy *keoi5* is better analyzed as a non-subject expletive, in line with traditional descriptions in Matthews and Yip (1994/2011).


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1. INTRODUCTION

It has occasionally been pointed out that the third-person singular pronoun *keoi5* in Cantonese has a rather curious use, as exemplified below:

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粤语假位“佢”的接应词分析重探

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摘要

本文关注粤语代名词“佢”在句尾的一个特殊用法，并从各个角度比较了接应词说和虚位说这两种已有观点。我们指出 Yip and Ahenkorah (2022) 将句尾“佢”当作接应词的分析存在一系列的问题，而将其分析为非主语虚位成分可以避免这些问题。本文的结论支持了 Matthews and Yip (1994/2011) 等传统语法对句尾“佢”的描述。

关键词

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