

## DETERMINATIVE PHRASE IN ALBANIAN LANGUAGE "DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUN + DEFINITE NOUN" CONSTRUCTIONS

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### **Abstract**

This article aims at treating certain Albanian language complex nominative constructions such as "demonstrative pronoun + definite noun" phrases. Such nominative constructions are Albanian language restricted as certain inflectionless languages such as English delimit the use of demonstrative pronouns to the indefinite form of the following noun.

both these individualizing elements, demonstrative pronoun and definite article, are in quite independent relations.

What is really perplexing about such "demonstrative pronoun + definite noun" constructions" concerns the X' structural position each determiner should occupy.

Furthermore, there are various proposals related to these Albanian specific nominative constructions highlighting the generation of certain functional phrases for both determiners to be realized.

taking into consideration the morphological characteristics of both determiners we conclude that the demonstrative pronoun mirrors the individualizing characteristics of determiners' class whereas the definite article (pre-posed bound morpheme) lexicalizes also number, gender and case grammatical values of noun phrases falling under the functional category of agreement.

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