

## **“BARE” NOUNS IN CHINESE AND BANTU**

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In this talk, I examine properties of less explored bare nouns in Chinese in cases of dummy objects and potential VO compound cases, in relation to number neutrality, as well as how aspectual properties of verbs affect the interpretation of bare nouns. I contrast languages like Chinese with bare nouns not marked as singular or plural, with Bantu languages which have bare singulars and bare plurals, as well as so-called “augmentless” nouns.