

Prosodic Reflections of the Information Structure in Czech

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The presentation will start with a brief overview of major achievements in Czech linguistics of the issue of information structure (mostly labelled as functional sentence perspective). More than a century-long tradition has provided many inspiring insights but never tested any hypotheses directly on speech recordings. This opens valuable opportunities for our current work. Several findings from recent research will be introduced and discussed. Also, a sketch of improved methodology for investigation of temporal prominence will be offered and constructive criticism will be invited.