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Intonation Phrases and the Left Periphery

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This talk discusses Intonation Phrases in the Bantu language Northern Sotho and highlights issues with respect to phrasing at the left sentence periphery in particular. After a brief introduction to phrasing in Northern Sotho and Bantu languages more generally, the question will be addressed in more detail if the distribution of Intonation Phrases is determined by syntax or semantics, as proposed in a recent article by Selkirk (2005). In order to investigate this question comparable data from English and Romance languages are also considered.

Selkirk, E. (2005) Comments on Intonation Phrasing in English. In: Frota et al. Prosodies. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. pp. 11-58.