

## **Sur l'identité et la différence en français : étude de l'encodage des arguments de *même*, *pareil*, *autre* et *différent***

French adjectives denoting a relation of identity or difference: how *même*, *pareil*, *autre* et *différent* encode their arguments

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**Abstract:** This contribution consists of a presentation of our PhD, which aimed to describe the particular semantic and referential properties of the French adjectives *même*, *pareil*, *autre* and *différent*, on the basis of the different possibilities for syntactically encoding their arguments. These adjectives have four distinct uses, as a function of the relationship they establish between their arguments. The first chapter examines the cases of *même* / *pareil* / *autre* / *différent* when followed by an overt second argument introduced by a preposition or a complementizer. In chapters 2, 3 and 4, anaphoric readings, NP-internal readings and NP-dependant readings are examined one by one. The main data we report here account for why *même*, *pareil*, *autre* and *différent* do not syntactically encode their arguments in exactly the same way. The proposal also explains the various meanings identified with these adjectives.

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