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The extrapredicative nominal constructions as discourse frames: the example of French journalistic portraits

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Abstract: In this paper, I propose a reflection on the capacity of a French extrapredicative nominal construction (*construction détachée*) to construct a discourse frame, with a case study based on a corpus of journalistic portraits. The study pursues a twofold objective. First, the aim is to show that in this construction, a nominal predicate can function as a temporal circonstant and thereby can extend its scope beyond the main clause. Secondly, given that usually the nominal predicate in this construction is assigned a descriptive value, I will endeavour to show what determines the ability of the structure to form “descriptive blocks”.

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