

Les tours du type *selon A*, les « îlots textuels » et la portée de la prise en charge imputée

Expressions of the type *selon A* ‘according to A’, quoted phrases and the scope of attributable discourse endorsement

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Abstract: In this paper, we study extracts taken from a corpus of written press where expressions of the type *selon A* ‘according to A’ introduce quoted phrases (fr. « îlots textuels ») and so become co-markers (together with the quotation marks) of autonymic modalisation. We propose to relate the issue of the form of the phrase governed by *selon* and the syntax of *selon A* expressions to the issue of discourse endorsement. Our hypothesis is that due to their heterogeneous syntactic behaviour and to the complex mechanisms of modalisation that they set up (based both on the content and the use of words), textual sequences introduced by the expressions of the type *selon A* represent – in what the scope of discourse endorsement is concerned – a particularly blurred case of modalisation by recalling another discourse, which is typical for written press.

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