ABSTRACT

The Competition Model is a data-based crosslinguistic functionalist model of language learning and processing. Developed in collaboration with Elizabeth Bates and dozens of colleagues, the model has generated 142 published studies. The classic model is at the core of a fuller emergentist account grounded on the dimensions of competition, linguistic levels, and timeframes. This talk situates the emergentist model within the fuller landscape of item-based learning, perspective-tracking, mental models, neuroemergentism, UG, statistical learning, and large language models, and suggests how it can be elaborated through new methods for data collection and sharing.