

**Grammatical constructionalization:  
The rise of binominal quantifiers and pseudo-clefts**

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In this paper I continue ongoing discussion about how grammaticalization and construction grammar may most fruitfully be brought together (see e.g. Bisang 1998, Fried Forthcoming, Hoffmann 2005, Noël 2007, Schøsler 2007, Traugott 2008, Trousdale 2008). Using two examples, partitives/measure Ns > quantifiers (NP of NP strings such as *a deal/lot/bit of*), and ALL-, WH-pseudo-clefts (ALL/WHAT NP V BE X strings, e.g. 1624 *all you can doe is to do some good for the tyme to come*), I discuss evidence for such hypotheses as the coevolution of form and meaning (Bybee, Perkins, and Pagliuca 1994), gradualness in grammaticalization and constructionalization (Croft 2001), and the necessity of a pragmatically ambiguous stage prior to grammaticalization (Heine 2002, Diewald 2002). I argue that alignment or “coercion” in analogical change is partial only, and question whether analogical change can occur in form without attention to meaning, as proposed in Fischer (2007).