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Inter- (and intra-)dialectal variation in the realisation of prosodic boundaries in Arabic

This talk reviews what is known to date about the scope of variation in the realisation of prosodic boundaries both within and between dialects, illustrated with case studies from work on spoken Arabic dialects. Preliminary results are presented from an ongoing study which compares the realisation of phrasing in Egyptian Arabic and Jordanian Arabic: results indicate the presence of inter-dialectal variation in the observed position of boundaries, for which competing explanations are available, but both dialects display intra-dialectal (inter-speaker) variation in the acoustic cues to boundaries, for which a unifying account is proposed.

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