

**"Prosody and Phrase Structure
without Labels" (E)**

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The aim of this talk is to show that prosodic phenomena give empirical support to the idea of eliminating labels from phrase structure (Collins 2001). First, I will review some previous theories of syntax-phonology interface, which make use of syntactic labels such as X or XP (e.g. Selkirk 1986, Truckenbrodt 1999). I will argue that those theories are conceptually not tenable within the current theory of minimalist framework. Further, I will show phrasing data from a number of languages that give empirical evidence against the previous theories. It will be shown that the data are explained straightforwardly by the bare mapping proposed in Tokizaki (1999), which linearize label-free syntactic trees into word sequences with prosodic boundaries. I will also argue that the bare mapping naturally explains the variability in prosodic phrasing and focus effects on prosody and interpretation.

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