Abstract:

The study of nominalizations in the last 30 years has concentrated mainly in the event-result ambiguity, to the effect that a lot of work has been devoted to event nouns (Grimshaw 1990, Alexiadou 2001) or result object nouns (Osswald 2005, Melloni 2007). However, deverbal nominalizations exhibit a wide array of readings which are not, strictly speaking, eventive or result. This paper aims to propose a classification of these less-studied readings and, more in particular, of the notion of stativity in the domain of nominalizations.