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In this talk (joint work with Caroline Heycock) I take a close look at Predicative Relative Clauses (PredRC), such as "the businessman his father was", which have been classified as "maximizing relatives" by Grosu and Landman, alongside free and amount relatives.
I will propose a syntactic analysis based on the need for these structures to reconstruct, distinguish between expressive and non-expressive cases, and compare the latter to relatives with Special Quantifiers (SQ), e.g. "Sue is everything Mary is.", which are analyzed by Moltmann in terms of quantification over 'tropes' (attributions of a property to an individual). The differences between SQ and PredRc suggest that their analyses should be kept distinct, and that PredRC might be more profitably seen as a form of Manner Quantification.