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Some Remarks on Romance Nominal Split Constructions

The talk focuses on nominal split constructions as exemplified by German *Bücher habe ich viele gelesen* (lit. 'Books I have read many'). I'll summarize some typological and syntactical properties of such constructions found in the literature before turning to nominal splits in the Romance languages.

Structures similar to the German sentence above have been reported to exist in Romanian, whereas in other Romance languages, they do not seem to exist or are marginal. In the main part of the talk, I'll discuss Romance structures of the type *Di libri, ne ho letti molti* (Italian, 'Of books, (I) *partitive clitic* have read many'). I'll argue these structures, which are found in all Romance languages that have partitive clitics, can be considered as nominal split constructions, and the additional material (the preposition 'di' and the partitive clitic) can be considered as adjustments similar to those found in many languages that have nominal split constructions.