



# The Property of Mandarin Serial Verbs in the Syntax-semantics Interface

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In this presentation, I will offer an account of the linking issue of the Mandarin Chinese Resultative V<sub>1</sub>-V<sub>2</sub> construction from the perspective of the syntax-semantics interface. Building up on the previous analyses such as Tang (1997) and Huang (2006), I will claim that it is indeed the semantics of V<sub>2</sub> that determines the structure of the sentence and the linking pattern such as the subject-oriented or the object-oriented resultatives. I will also show that my account will successfully explain the fascinating inverse-linking type; Mandarin allows some resultatives such as “This kind of drug will eat-die you” where the more proto-subject ‘you’ links to OBJ and the more proto-object ‘this kind of drug’ links to the subject.

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Ryosuke Shibagaki received his Ph.D from SOAS, University of London in 2011 under the supervision of Prof. Peter Sells, and took up his current position as Associate Professor at Nanzan University in Japan (2012--). He has also spent a year at MIT as a visiting Associate Professor (2017-18). He has been conducting his research on the issues of syntax and lexical semantics in such languages as Japanese, Mandarin, Mongolian, Korean, Thai and English.



**All are welcome**

