

## **De l'adverbe de manière au marqueur discursif : le cas de *autrement*** From adverb of manner to discourse marker: the case of the French adverb *autrement*

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**Abstract:** The present research focuses on the French adverb *autrement*, which is characterized by a wide range of uses. This allows it to function not only as an adverb of manner that modifies the verb, but also as a discourse marker that the speaker employs to connect two fragments of discourse in the case of a thematic break. After an overview of the different uses of *autrement*, we demonstrate that its emergence as a discourse marker has been facilitated by its core meaning. We then examine the link between the different semantico-referential values of *autrement* and the adjective *autre*, to which the adverb is morphologically related. This reveals that the anaphoric character of the adjective is crucial to explaining the potential of *autrement* to function as a discourse marker.

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