

L'expression *il est évident que (p)* comme marqueur de « subjectivité impersonnelle »

The expression *il est évident que (p)* as a marker of “impersonal subjectivity”

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Abstract: In contemporary French, *il est évident que p* expresses a modality with meta-predicate status (Gosselin 2010). We identify what makes the specificity of this expression inside the field of impersonal constructions with a modal value. Then we propose a study of *il est évident* in contexts in which this impersonal form seems compatible with an infinitive (*il est évident de Vinf*) and offers new conditions of use. It appears that other adjectives are compatible with the two constructions (*clair, flagrant, manifeste, patent...*).

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