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The second issue of Volume 31 (December 2008) of the *Nordic Journal of Linguistics* will be a special issue devoted to the syntax of nominals and noun phrases, edited by Lars-Olof Delsing and Kersti Börjars.

In the last twenty years, extensive studies have been carried out on the structure of noun phrases in the Scandinavian languages, Danish, Faroese, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish. These studies have been carried out within various theoretical frameworks and they have discussed properties like quantification, definiteness, possession, derived nominals and the status of attributive adjectives and relative clauses. The studies have often been comparative and, more recently, some studies have focussed on dialectal variation, diachronic development, and the acquisition of noun phrases.

The noun phrases of the other Nordic languages have attracted less interest until very recently. Finnish and Saami have the same basic word order as the Scandinavian languages (determiner/possessor–adjective–noun) but more morphology, including more elaborate case systems and possessive suffixes. Some studies have discussed possible Finno-Ugric substrata in the noun phrases of some Scandinavian dialects. Greenlandic also has a richer morphology with case and a possessive suffix, but its noun phrase is head-initial.

The similarity between the basic word order in the Scandinavian and Finno-Ugric noun phrases is a promising starting point for comparative studies. The different morphological properties of these languages can possibly give important clues about the underlying structure of noun phrases in general.

We invite papers addressing these or other topics relating to nominals and noun phrases of the Nordic languages. The deadline is January 31, 2008. Papers should be sent to:

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