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Presentational sentences in Scandinavian and Subjecthood

Based on a study of the behavior of presentational/existential sentences in Icelandic and Swedish, the presentation will address the following three questions:

- How configurational are Scandinavian languages?
- Which factors influence subjectlike behavior in arguments?
- Why do 'thematic roles' play a role in constraints on information-structure motivated constructions like the presentational one?