

# SPREMI

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I've got something very strange to tell you:

On the development of possessives

*have got* and *got*

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## ABOUT THE TALK

The English language can express stative possession in a number of different ways. Clauses like *I have time*, *I have got time*, and *I got time* are semantically equivalent. But how did *have got* and *got* come to signal stative possession instead of acquisition? This talk aims to answer that very question.

The possessive *have got* construction is no stranger to linguistic research and ample hypotheses exist for its development. I argue that the previous hypotheses are inadequate in explaining the pathway from acquisition to stative possession. In order to construct a well-rounded account of the development(s) of *have got* and *got* I turn to construction grammar and more specifically constructional change.

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