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                      widespread positions found in descriptive and typological studies (one
                      of them restrictive and structure-oriented, the other broad and
                      function-centered). This third stance put forward here takes both
                      grammar and pragmatic functions into account, but it also relates the
                      opposition between direct and inverse verbs and clauses to an
                      opposition between deictic values, thereby achieving two advantageous
                      goals: it meaningfully circumvents one of the usual analytic dilemmas,
                      namely whether a given construction is passive or inverse, and it
                      refines our understanding of the cross-linguistic typology of inversion.
                      This framework is applied to the description of the morphosyntax of
                      eleven Amerindian languages (Algonquian: Plains Cree, Miami-Illinois,
                      Ojibwa; Kutenai; Sahaptian: Sahaptin, Nez Perce; Kiowa-Tanoan:
                      Arizona Tewa, PicurÃ-s, Southern Tiwa, Kiowa; Mapudungun).