

Review of: "Conceptual oxymoron, oxymetaphor, and oxymetaphonymy: inclusive border and violent inclusion in close-up"

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Like some people mentioned by the Author, I do not feel that *inclusive border* is an oxymoron. But supposing it is, could *exclusive border* be another one? A symmetrical notion, *border* seems to be conceptualized in terms of separation rather than division, as **a space** of either inclusion or exclusion. Particular understanding is determined by “internal” or “external” perspective taken by the conceptualizer, and it is this approach that the Author seems to suggest by his reference to parallax as a promising further step towards a comprehensive analysis of these two notions.

As far as oxymora go, *violent inclusion* seems a better candidate – the view corroborated by the classification proposed in the paper: while *inclusive border* is considered as a case of oxymetaphonymy, *violent inclusion* is classified a “clear” an oxymetaphor resulting from metaphoric, that is, cross-domain mapping. What might enrich the analysis is more explicit appreciation of axiology: *inclusion* is conventionally considered as more positive than *exclusion* (hence prevalence of the “inclusive” interpretation of “border” – cf. e.g. the entry “inclusive” in SOED: *that includes, encloses or contains, esp. that includes rather than includes*; emphasis added).

The Author states that “difference in syntactic categories must be noted here”. Very much so: *inviolent inclusion* (unlike in *inclusive border*) the second element is a nominalisation, based on a verbal stem and referring to an action or an instance of “including”. Violence is ascribed to an unspecified agent and not to “inclusion” as such – a semantic aspect that might be relevant to the analysis presented in the paper. In Langacker’s terms, in *violent inclusion* the “profile/active zone discrepancy” (Langacker 2008:333) might be large enough to account for oxymoronic interpretation.

An extremely interesting and thought provoking essay – thank you.