Investigating Headless Relative Clauses across languages:
A view from Mesoamerica

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I present the main results of an investigation of the morpho-syntax and semantics of Headless Relative Clauses in 15 Mesoamerican languages by a team of 19 scholars that I have coordinated. This is the first systematic cross-linguistic investigation of Headless Relative Clauses across languages and the first study of Headless Relative Clauses for each of those 15 languages, most of which are understudied and many of which are endangered. I also highlight how our findings contribute to the general understanding of embedded clauses, wh-words, and the interface between their morpho-syntax and their semantics.