On uniformisability in monadic second-order logic

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Theorem (Novikov, Kondô [1938])

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 - MSO over scattered trees (with parameters)
 - MSO over scattered trees (without parameters) X

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- ✓ [S75], [R07]
- **X** [GS83], [CL07]
- ✓ [LS98], [BS13]
 - [BS13]

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- Applications:

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 - maybe parity index bounds for unambiguous languages. . .

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