

Multidominant nanosyntax

In this talk I explore a technical implementation of complex left branches in the framework of Nanosyntax that makes use of multidominant phrase markers. I argue that this approach overcomes some of the existing complications and unclarities regarding complex left branches and further clarifies their role as a separate stage in the lexicalization algorithm. Moreover, the analysis has the potential of shedding new light on the very first instance of Merge in a derivation, i.e. on what constitutes the foot of the main derivational spine.