

LF feeds linearization (or the locus of linearization in UG)

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Linearization will be argued to be directly fed by LF, which is built in narrow syntax by External Merge, and Internal Merge to criterial positions (scope positions included). To LF apply the 'meaningless' movements that yield the new hierarchies that translate into different word orders by Kayne's (1994) Linear Correspondence Axiom. The main evidence for this change of paradigm is the possibility to provide a unified treatment of scope for those languages which appeared to have QR in narrow syntax (like Hungarian) and those which appeared to have it only in LF (like English): a hardly plausible parameter. QR is in narrow syntax in all languages, the apparent surface difference being a consequence of the different linearization properties of each language.