

Moving to the Edge: The Case of Adjunct Control in Portuguese

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In this talk I examine a surprising correlation between adjunct control and wh-movement in Portuguese: object control into an adjunct clause may be allowed in addition to subject control if the matrix object undergoes wh-movement. Assuming Hornstein's (2001) account of adjunct control within the Movement Theory of Control and adapting Bošković's (2007) parameterization of edge features, I argue that the unexpected cases of object control arise in Portuguese when Merge-over-Move is inapplicable due to the presence of edge features on wh-elements.