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"Syntax Beyond Trees"

One job for the syntactician is to discover the principles responsible for relating how words are grouped linearly with how they are grouped semantically. In most cases, this relation is extremely simple: a semantic grouping corresponds perfectly to a linear grouping. In one famous class of non-simple mappings, however, there is a sharp departure: one semantic mapping is cleanly divided into separate linear groupings. These are called instances of "movement," a name that suggests one style of analyzing them. I will sketch another analysis that has been emerging in the last ten years. In this analysis, the graphs used to model groupings are released from the constraints that are usually imposed, constraints that only permit trees.