

The dual source of adjectives and XP- vs. N-raising in the Romance DP

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A N-raising analysis of the internal syntax of Romance (vs. Germanic) DPs encounters certain problems. The foremost of these is its inability to express a fundamental generalization governing the interpretation of prenominal and postnominal adjectives in the two language families. It will be argued that N-raising as such has to be abandoned in favor of XP-movement.