

## **Edged, Heads and Projections: Interface Properties**

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### **Summary**

**Edged, Heads and Projections: Interface Properties** is a collection of papers on central issues in the syntax of clauses and their interfaces with the conceptual-intentional system. The book targets the syntactic properties that have an impact on interpretation of discourse and temporal dependencies, functional fields including CP, pragmatic markers at the syntax-pragmatic interface, and on the possible parameterization of these properties. The papers in this volume bring to the fore the role of the edges (specifier and adjuncts), heads and projections in the grammar and at the interfaces. They address the question of to what extent the relevant configurations at the level of edges, head and projections determine the syntax/semantic, semantic/pragmatic connections. The contributions clarify the notion of edge and bring evidence that this notion is core to the analysis of various phenomena at the left periphery of clauses and phrases. The notion of edge cuts across all the dimensions of the syntactic projections: whether the configurations are in the nominal or verbal domain, their interface properties are layer-dependent. The contributions also discuss functional heads and their projection, particularly insofar as the properties of these heads determine the composition of the CP field, and cases where a CP may or may not be projected. In other words, these papers investigate “problematic” constructions, for which an analysis in terms of “phases” may fail unless the interface between pragmatics/semantics and the syntax of the categories involved is properly sorted out. Taken together, the papers in this volume contribute to further refinements of the notion of edges, heads, and projections on interface legibility.

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