

On the role of c-command in German

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Reinhart (1983) proposed that quantificational binding is subject to a surface c-command condition. Her claim has been widely accepted in the literature on the syntax-semantics interface. Barker (2012) presented systematic counterevidence against the c-command requirement from English. This talk will address the role of c-command constraints in the grammar of three phenomena in German: relative quantifier scope, quantificational binding, and negative polarity.