

# **Parataxis: the third dimension in syntactical space**

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## **Summary**

The present generation of models of grammar shows serious lacunae, especially in the broad domain of parataxis. This research aims at dealing with this problem in a fundamental way by introducing a 'third dimension' in syntax. On the one hand, this will have to be substantiated, and integrated within the existing theory; on the other hand the factual material concerning paratactic constructions needs to be expanded, and explained with the help of the new theoretical developments as proposed. The pertinent proposal differs from previous attempts in this direction - which have been ignored largely, but not refuted - in two essential ways. First the the empirical range of the third dimension will be greatly extended, viz. to paratactic constructions other than common coordination, such as appositive relatives, parentheses and transparent free relatives. Second, it will be thoroughly formalized and integrated within the existing syntactic theory.