1. VP-internal subject hypothesis

1.1 Definitions

former assumption: subjects are Specifiers of IP and remain in-situ, except in interrogative movement

in-situ: a constituent remains “in place” and does not undergo movement

VP-internal subject hypothesis: subjects originate as Specifiers of VPs and are raised to Spec-position of IPs via subject raising (cf. Radford 1997:pp.315)

2. Evidence from expletives

There is a Spaniard fighting the bull

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→ there is in Spec position of IP

evidence: aux can be moved to the front into Comp

→ Is there a Spaniard fighting the bull?

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- aux selects VP as complements: There is a Spaniard fighting the bull
- IP head is determines morphological form of VP head fighting
- internal VP structure:
  
  VP head: fighting
  complement: the bull
  subject: a Spaniard

3. Dual role of subjects

A Spaniard is fighting the bull

→ A Spaniard can be in spec-VP and in spec-IP

4. VP-internal subject idea

- subject originates in spec-VP in expletive structures (there is…) and is raised to spec-IP in non-expletive structures

4.1. Evidence from cliticization

I want to travel to Spain

Who do you want to travel to Spain?

→ I wanna travel to Spain

→ *Who do you wanna travel to Spain?