Issues in Anaphora: A New Perspective on an Old Perspective Howard Lasnik University of Connecticut and MIT

- A. Binding Conditions
- 1. He thinks John is smart
- 2. John thinks John is smart
- 3. After he walked in, John sat down
- 4. ?After John walked in, John sat down
- 5. *He/John thinks the bastard is smart
- 6. *He/John likes John
- 7. *We like us
- 8. *We like me
- 9. *John told them that Mary should leave

10. The interpretation of an expression is given in one and only one way. Higginbotham (1983)

- 11. The students like themselves
- 12. The students like each other

13.a.Speaker's strategy: When a syntactic structure you are using allows boundanaphora interpretation, then use it if you intend your expressions to corefer, unless you have some reasons to avoid bound-anaphora.

b.Hearer's strategy: If the speaker avoids the bound anaphora options provided by the structure he is using, then, unless he has reasons to avoid bound-anaphora, he didn't intend his expressions to corefer. Reinhart (1983)

- 14. *John thuong John Vietnamese John likes John
- 15. *John tin John se thang John thinks John will win
- 16. c n ch p c n Thai John likes John
- 17. c n khit waa c n chalaat John thinks that John (is) smart
- 18. (An R expression must be A free (in its Governing Category))
- 19. *No' thuong John Vietnamese He likes John

- 20. *No' tin John se thang He thinks John will win
- 21. *khaw ch p c n Thai He likes John
- 22. *khaw khit c n chalaat He thinks John (is) smart
- 23. A pronominal may not bind an R expression.
- 24. *John thuong cai thang cho de Vietnamese John likes the son of a bitch
- 25. John tin thang co de se thang John thinks the son of a bitch will win
- 26. *c n ch p ?aybaa Thai John likes the nut
- 27. *c n khit waa ?aybaa chalaat John thinks that the nut (is) smart
- 28. *c n ch p khaw John likes him
- 29. *?aybaa khit waa c n chalaat The nut thinks that John (is) smart
- 30. a. him John, I hate b. the bastard c.*John
- 31. I showed John himself (in the mirror)

32. *I showed himself John

- 33. I showed the professors each other's students
- 34. *I showed each other's students the professors