## Chapter 1

## Island phenomena and related matters

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## 1 Introduction

The study of the constraints on long-distance dependencies – so-called *island constraints* – have been the subject of intense linguistic and psycholinguistic research for the last half century, offering a unique insight into the interaction of linguistic knowledge and cognition. Despite of their importance in syntactic theory, the heterogeneity of island constraints has posed many difficult challenges to linguistic theories. As a consequence, island phenomena are not taken to be due to a single unified factor in HPSG, rather, different island constraints are seen as the result from different syntactic, semantic, pragmatic or processing phenomena, or combinations thereof. This chapter provides an overview of various island effects that have received attention within the HPSG framework, and their respective analyses.

- 2 The Coordinate Structure Constraint
- 3 CED Effects
- 3.1 Parasitism
- 3.2 Resumption
- 3.3 Circumvention via Sluicing
- 4 Complex NP Constraint
- **5 Superiority Effects**
- **6** The Fixed Subject Condition
- 7 Factive Islands
- 8 The Left Branch Condition
- 9 Right Roof Constraint
- 10 Adverbial Extraction
- 11 Conclusion

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**Abbreviations** 

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