In defense of structural alternatives

Utterance of a sentence S, by default, conveys not only the message that S is the truth, but also the message that it is the whole truth. Deciphering the second message involves reasoning about the "alternatives" of S, sentences which could have been uttered instead of S. The "structural approach to alternatives" claims that the set of alternatives of a sentence is determined on the basis of its syntactic analysis. In this talk, I discuss this approach, and address some challenges raised against its recent installments.