

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.