Preface

The work presented in this book started almost twenty years ago, when I wanted to substantiate the idea that there are two types of minimality conditions applying to movement. In my Ph.D. thesis, I proposed such conditions formulated in representational terms, and when Chomsky (1995) proposed the *Attract*-theory of movement, I started to think that my representational conditions could be reformulated as derivational ones in terms of Attract and Move: One minimality condition applies to Attract and the other applies to Move. At that time, I was aware that this mechanism of Attract and Move would face a redundancy problem; the consensus among the syntacticians was that the minimality condition that was claimed to apply to Move was *replaced* by that applying to Attract. At the same time, I felt that this mechanism had a conceptually attractive feature in that one operation stands on the top of a structure and looks down to find a target phrase and the other looks up in the structure to take this target phrase to its landing site. I also believed that this mechanism could be given substantial evidence from covert movement such as Quantifier Raising, which aroused a controversy with respect to its raison d'être at that time. Although I made these ideas composed as a manuscript, I was rather skeptical that it would attract public attention. After more than a decade, during which the minimalist framework had changed in its technical manifestations, it occurred to me that once Move is characterized simply as a special case of Merge, namely internal Merge, the two operations Attract and Move could be incorporated into the system as a *prerequisite* for internal Merge. This is roughly how I came up with the mechanism of Search and Float. Though I use new terminologies in this book, the ideas behind them have remained the same since I started to work on this project, and the materials used to support this mechanism were already included in my old manuscript and many of them might be felt "out of fashion." Nonetheless, I believe that the reader finds a new thread of ideas and analyses in this book and hope that they inspire the reader to get interested in the relevant topics and to conduct further investigation.

The materials reported in this book have been presented on various occasions, most of which I have lost track of. Recently, the main idea of this book was presented at the third annual meeting of Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting, held at

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