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SYNTAX, INFORMATION STRUCTURE, AND INTONATION

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1. Movement of the object pronoun causes downstep in the Scandinavian languages.
[this dissertation]
2. Holmberg's Generalization is best accounted for in terms of an interaction between syntax, information structure and intonation.
[this dissertation]
3. There are several Scandinavian varieties in which Object Shift is optional.
[this dissertation, contra Chomsky (2001)]
4. Counter to commonly held views in linguistic theory, phonology does affect syntax.
[this dissertation, contra Chomsky (1995)]
5. The information-structural component is the core of the grammar.
6. Children are not born with a language acquisition device.
7. No structure exists in syntax.
8. The coincidence of focus and high pitch is both functional and iconic.

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