Readings for next time:


Stuff for you to do:

• Do the readings.

• Write a short (1–2 page) summary of Rizzi’s article.

Some points about the write-ups (this one and future one):

• Single-space them, so that you have more room to comment if you wish.
• Email is fine, just get them in by class (need not necessarily be earlier). (Text, PDF, Microsoft Word, or RTF files are the best options).
• Mention: major points, major arguments.
• Don’t mention: ways of dealing with isolated possible objections / potential counterexamples, picky technical revisions to the theory, (unless they significantly “advance the plot”)
• For one or more major point(s), try to outline at least one argument for it in somewhat more detail—no examples needed, something like:
In Icelandic, a shifted object can (under certain circumstances) be seen overtly preceding the subject, which indicates that the base position of the subject must be lower than the derived position of the object—hence, providing damaging evidence against the Split-VP hypothesis.
• If something occurs to you—questions, possible support or possible counterexamples from a language you know—mention those too.

Next time:
Student presentation of Culicover (1991) and I’ll present Rizzi (1997) on splitting CP, preparations for looking at evidence for/about NegP.