

## Word Order Effects and Particles in Urdu Questions

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This talk looks at the effects of word order variation in Urdu questions. In pursuing our research, we have studied the interaction of prosody, syntax and semantics/pragmatics in Urdu questions and have been able to establish that much of the empirically established word order variation is conditioned by information packaging effects rather than syntax-internal triggers. We provide evidence for this with respect to both wh-constituents and polar questions along with data concerning the prosody of particles (focus and case marking) that we are still in the process of puzzling out.