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   Sommario/riassunto   This study is concerned with the categorial status of subordinating
                        conjunctions and the internal and external structure of subordinate
                        clauses. Starting out from the categorizations of subordinating
                        conjunctions that prevail in recent generative linguistic theory, namely
                        complementizers and prepositions, and from the division of syntactic
                        categories into lexical and functional ones, the author investigates the
                        lexical and grammatical properties of subordinating conjunctions which
                        are held to account for both the distribution and the architecture of
                        subordinate clauses. Central to this study is the relation between the
                        category subordinating conjunction, the licensing of its projection and
                        the licensing of its complement and specifier position. Part I is
                        concerned with subordination in early Generative Grammar, the rise of

the category C and the categorization of subordinating conjunctions. Part II focuses on recent conceptions of phrase structure, the inventory of syntactic categories, the lexical-functional dichotomy and syntactic movement. Part III is concerned with the lexical properties of complementizers (C), prepositions (P), and a third category of subordinating conjunctions (Subcon) which conflates properties of Cs and Ps. This categorization of subordinating conjunctions is arrived at on the basis of the distribution of the phrases they head and the mechanisms by which these elements license their complement and specifier. Cs, as typical functional heads, license both theirs complement and their specifier on the basis of feature checking mechanisms; Ps, as typical lexical heads, license these positions by theta-marking them. Within SubconP the complement is licensed by feature checking as within CP, and the specifier is licensed by theta-marking as within PP.