

# Berkeleys Doctrine Of Notions: A Reconstruction Based On His Theory Of Meaning

## Why Be Articulate? Two ways to look at the Transparency Theory<sup>1</sup>

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### Introduction

In his interesting paper, Schlenker proposes "a pragmatic theory of presupposition projection" (which he calls Transparency Theory), based on two simple principles. One of these is the well-known Gricean maxim of manner *Be Brief*, the other is a new principle, dubbed *Be Articulate*. In a thoughtful and detailed analysis, Schlenker shows that the interplay between these two principles can account for a wide range of traditional presupposition projection phenomena. There are two ways in which this new theory can be appreciated; one way to look at it is as a principled derivation of Heim's (1983) influential theory of presupposition projection, the other as a new theory of projection phenomena in natural language. In the remainder of this short note I want to discuss and comment on both of them.

### One way

Schlenker shows that the incremental Transparency Theory makes essentially the same predictions as Heim's (1983) approach. The main difference is that while the Transparency Theory is based solely on the relative ranking of two simple principles, Heim's approach requires the definition

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