Title: The syntax of noun phrase movement in Kiswahili

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Abstract: This dissertation is a study of noun phrase (NP) movement in Kiswahili as it pertains to passivization and subject raising. The study is based on Government and Binding theory as developed by Chomsky, (1981, 1986) and its later modifications. The study is organized in five chapters. Chapter one contains the introduction to the study comprising the objectives of the study; research questions and hypotheses are stated here. It also contains a review of related literature and theoretical framework adopted for this study. The research methodology is also stipulated in chapter one. Chapter two contains of a brief description of the structure of the Kiswahili sentence. The different syntactic categories are outlined with emphasis being placed on the noun phrase. Passivization is analysed in chapter three. A description of NP movement, the motivation and principles of this movement are shown. Chapter four deals with subject raising. The reasons for NP movement, principles as well as bounding nodes are discussed in this chapter. Chapter five is the conclusion of the study. It contains a summary of the study, findings and conclusions.