This talk will examine aspects of the parallelism between clauses and nominal phrases (Brame 1981; Horrocks and Stavrou 1987; Abney 1987). This parallelism is usually taken for granted, with Determiners typically understood as the nominal equivalent of the Complementiser. We will scrutinise two aspects of this parallelism.

First, I will argue that its validity crucially depends on our understanding of the nature of Determiners, a matter that is anything but settled. Should we collapse articles, quantifiers, demonstratives and possessives under a single Determiner category – as is customarily assumed – and then argue Determiners to constitute the left periphery of nominal phrases, Complementiser-style? Detailed criticism raised against a view of Determiners as edge elements suggests otherwise (Payne 1993; Radford 1993; Szabolcsi 1994; Giusti 2002; Bruening 2009; Larson 2014).

Second, we will look at what the workings of mixed projections (Bresnan 1997; Borsley and Kornfilt 2000; Alexiadou 2001; Schoorlemmer 2001; Panagiotidis 2014, chap. 6) reveal about the said parallelism. Departing from Wiltschko (2014) I will claim that looking at mixed projections we can detect which CP-internal domains correspond to which nominal ones, with Determiners behaving more like Tense. The emerging picture will indeed be one of the nominal phrase as the poor relative of the CP.