

LAWS, ORDER AND CONNECTIVES*

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The first objective of this paper is to demonstrate why laws, in the sense of non-accidental generalizations, need to be taken into account in a full analysis of connectives, and especially causal ones and how it should be done. The second goal, which is tightly related to the first one, consists in examining what the order, usually labeled as *iconic–non-iconic* really refers to. The hypothesis put forward is that *iconicity-non-iconicity* does not pertain to causes and consequences as it is usually assumed but to the order of implication induced by the laws.

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