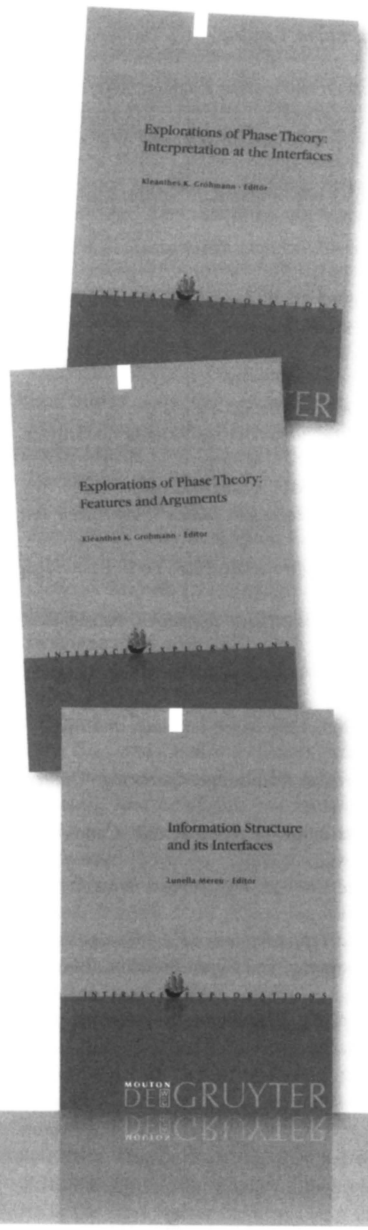
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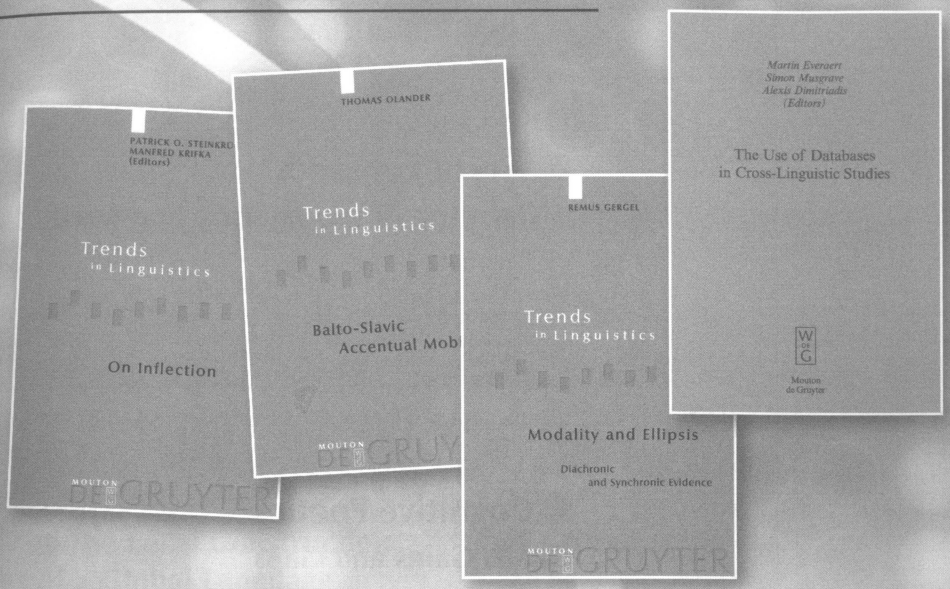
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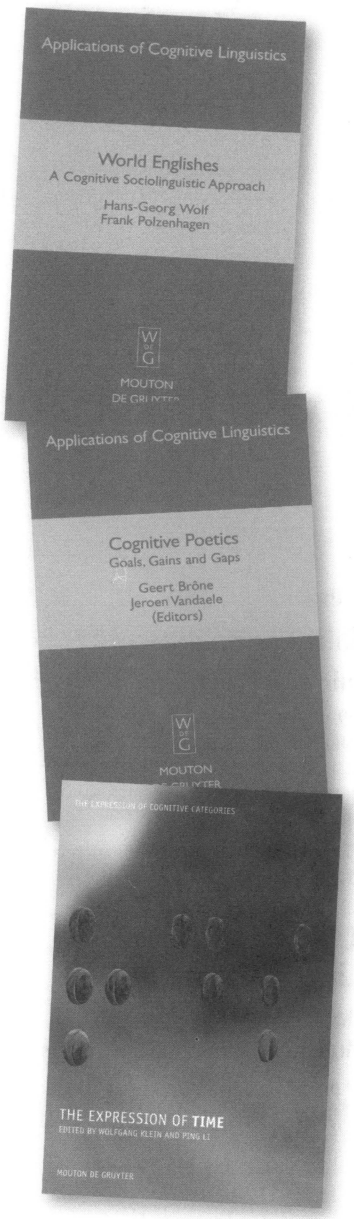
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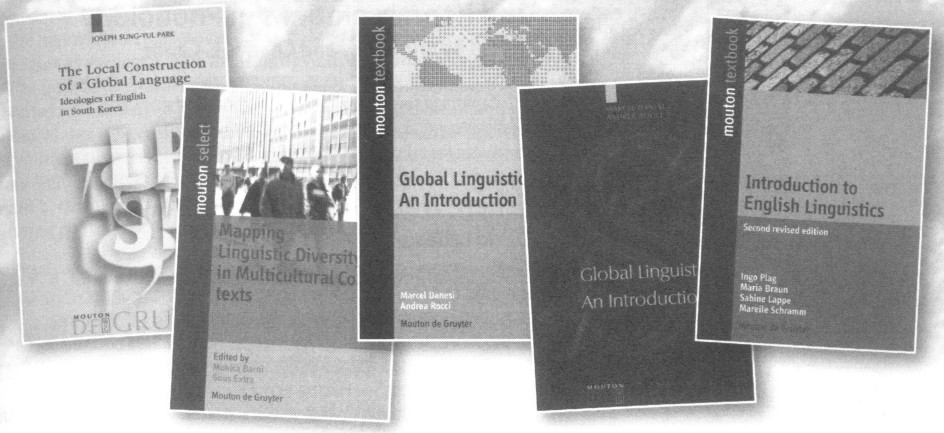
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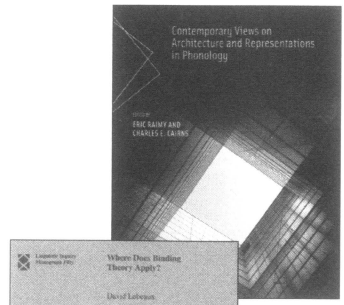
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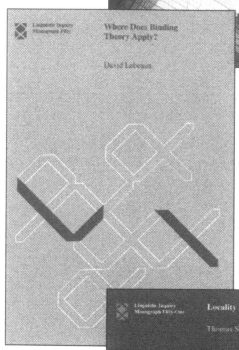



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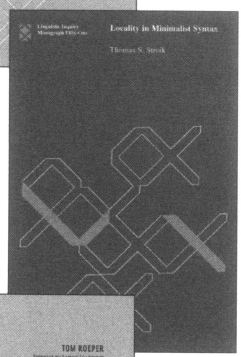



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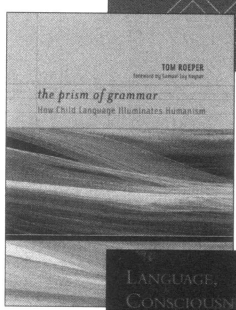

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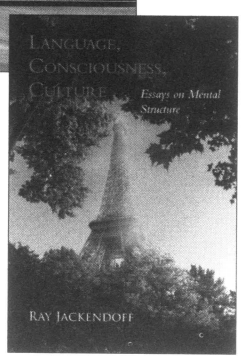
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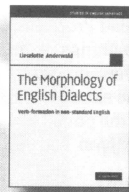
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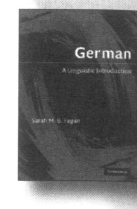
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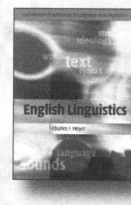

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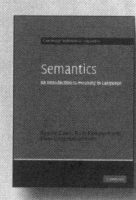


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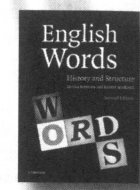


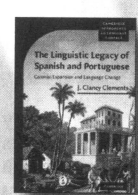

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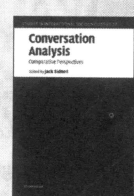



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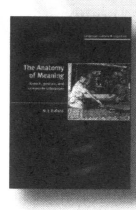




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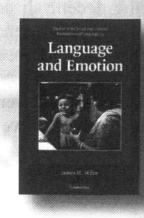



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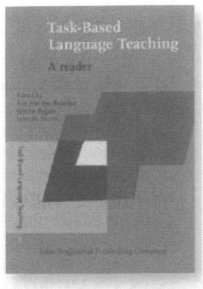
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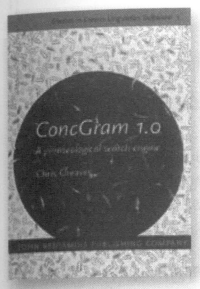
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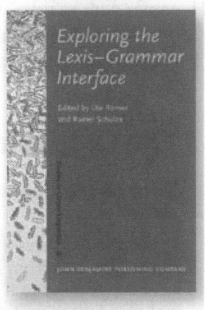
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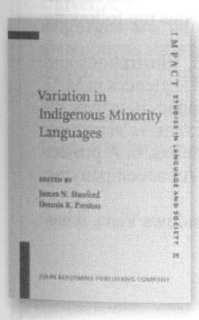
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The book is intended both for learners of Classical Japanese and for linguists with or without knowledge of the Japanese language. Systematic descriptions clarify the morphological agglutination of lexical items, which is one of the salient features of Japanese. Grammatical characteristics are explained with a wealth of examples from well-known works of the classical Japanese literature. The monograph also compares Classical Japanese to Modern Standard Japanese and shows diachronic changes which have taken place. It illuminates the adaptation process which takes place when foreign elements are absorbed into Japanese: the way they are selected and filtered and the devices employed to incorporate them without destroying the backbone, in other words the syntax, of the language. The volume is clearly structured and contains seven chapters: 1. Introduction; 2. Phonetics and Phonology; 3. Morphosyntax; 4. Word Class Descriptions; 5. Honoratives; 6. Rhetoric; 7. Conclusions.

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## Towards Predicate Driven Grammar

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This book is about "Predicate Driven Grammar" (PDG), a new type of linguistic grammar. PDG is strongly influenced by the Sense-Text-Model and by the writings of Zellig Harris and Maurice Gross. Unlike most other grammars, PDG presupposes a language to be a relation over the Cartesian product of a set of texts and a set of meanings. A PDG assigns to each text the set of its meanings and to each meaning the set of its texts and, therefore, relates each two texts that are paraphrases, no matter if they are texts of the same or of different languages.

In other words, a PDG is a theory of intralingal and interlingual paraphrasing (also known as translating). A PDG is supposed to achieve this by respecting certain fundamental properties of language: ambiguity (the property of texts to have several meanings), polymorphism (the property of meanings to have several texts), predicate-basedness and non-modularity. The term "predicate-basedness" is supposed to refer to that fact that each predicate of a natural language comes with its very own set of syntax rules. The term "non-modularity" is supposed to refer to the fact that each syntax rule of a natural-language predicate comes with its very own semantics.

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This project creates a permanent digital record of Mbay, a Nilo-Saharan language of the Sara Group spoken in southern Chad. The data from Keegan et al's 1996 Dictionary of Mbay and from Keegan's 1997 A Reference Grammar of Mbay has been moved to a digital format that can be accessed from a DVD. Recordings from native speakers of Mbay are included for the vast majority of the words and illustrative sentences. Both the dictionary and grammar have been revised and expanded, and over 1,000 new illustrative sentences have been added. The language DVD includes the following components:

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## Classifying the Austroasiatic languages: history and state of the art

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The Austroasiatic language phylum spans the breadth of South and Southeast Asia, with more than 150 languages over a dozen branches. Some are spoken by villages of just a few dozen people, while others have millions of speakers such as the national languages Cambodian and Vietnamese. Historically much of the Austroasiatic region has been divided and overlain by unrelated language families, creating a vast zone of ethnolinguistic contact and diversity. This creates a special imperative for us to turn to comparative linguistics to solves great issues of regional (pre)history that other disciplines cannot address.

Yet, despite more than a century of comparative Austroasiatic studies, scholars have yet to present an explicitly justified internal genetic classification of the phylum upon which specialists can agree. The text is divided into two main parts; the first charts the emergence of the Austroasiatic hypothesis and its various guises, and reviews much of the literature which has addressed how constituent branches may (or may not) relate to each other, while the second part looks at each branch in detail, examining the history of scholarship and summarizing the state of the art. Many relevant maps and diagrams are reproduced, including some colour plates.

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## The Kui Language

Mikhail S. Andronov

Kui is a nonliterary tribal language spoken by more than six hundred thousand people in the valley of the river Mahanadi in the Indian state of Orissa and in some areas of the neighboring Andhra Pradesh state. Most Kui speakers are hunters, fishermen and collectors. Some of them, however, practise agriculture and some work as plantation labourers in Assam and West Bengal.

The Kui language belongs to the northern group of the Dravidian language family. Its speakers call themselves *kui* (i.e. 'highlanders'), while their neighbors call them *kondho*. Many of the Kui people are bilingual, their second language being Oriya. This fact accounts for the strong Oriya influence on Kui. In the past some Kui primers were published in the Roman and Oriya script, but they didn't become popular, and the language is still unwritten. The present book contains a sketch of Kui phonetics and morphology (written in Russian).

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## Noam Chomsky on Language and Cognition

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This book presents a discussion by Noam Chomsky of some of the much controversial issues raised within the scientific field of linguistics since the inception of generative grammar in 1957. Based on the text of the talk given by Noam Chomsky at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, in 2002, the book presents Prof. Chomsky's views on the philosophical bases and the historical development of the field of biolinguistics in the course of which he focuses on issues such as cognition, linguistics as a science, how the field developed, its nature and how it fits into the other domains of science.

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