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Forewords

From the Editors

Welcome to the inaugural volume of Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics (COPiL), the new working papers publication of the Department of Linguistics at the University of Cambridge. Through this publication, we hope to provide a forum for the reporting of original research carried out by our staff, research fellows and postgraduate students.

The fourteen papers that comprise the present volume cover a wide range of topics across many of the major branches of linguistic study – syntax, semantics, phonetics, phonology, and historical linguistics amongst them. The papers that appear in each printed volume are also available on the COPiL website (www.mml.cam.ac.uk/ling/copil.html).

Finally, a quick thank you to Paul de Lacy for facilitating the project, and to David Willis for his help and advice during the publication process.

Lluïsa Astruc
Marc Richards

From the Editor-in-Chief

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first of the Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics (COPiL). The aim of this series is to disseminate the work of PhD students, lecturers, research associates, and other linguists in and associated with the University of Cambridge’s Linguistics Department (http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/ling/).

At the time of writing, the Linguistics Department is composed of six full-time staff (=‘faculty’ in U.S. and Canadian English), two temporary lecturers, 44 graduate students (23 PhD students and 21 MPhils), four research associates, and a large number of affiliated staff from other departments. The department’s members research in a variety of areas, including morphology, phonology, phonetics, pragmatics, psycholinguistics, semantics, and syntax.

Compiling and editing a volume of papers is a difficult task, but this volume presented an even greater challenge as it is the first of a series of volumes, and therefore sets precedent for the format of all future COPiLs. The linguistics department therefore owes a great deal of thanks to Marc Richards and Lluïsa Astruc for doing such a fine job at every stage of production, from deciding on fonts, paragraph format, and page layout to carefully proof-reading authors’ papers, to dealing with bookbinders, to advertising the book, and finally to figuring out how to best sell it.

I am proud to have played a part in bringing this series into existence, and I am sure that with so many linguists actively researching in so many different fields at Cambridge, there will be many more COPiLs to come.

Paul de Lacy

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