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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](http://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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