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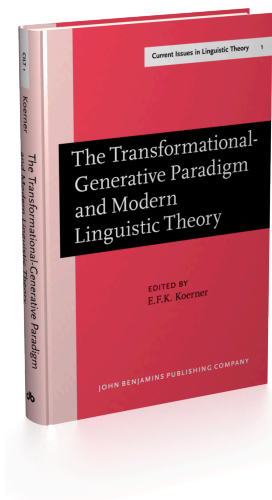
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FOREWORD

This first volume of the "Current Trends in Linguistic Theory" (CILT) series reflects the fact that the possibilities in theory construction allow for a much wider spectrum than students of linguistics have perhaps been led to believe. It consists of articles by scholars of differing generations and widely varying academic persuasions: some have received their initiation to the trade within the framework of transformational-generative grammar, some in one or the other structuralist mould, yet others in the philology and linguistics of particular languages and language families. They all share, however, some doubts concerning characteristic attitudes and procedures of present-day 'mainstream linguistics'. All want, not a uniformity of ideological stance, but a union of individualists working towards the advancement of theory and empirical accountability.

In Spring 1973 J. Peter Maher and I first conceived the idea of a volume of the present nature; we regret that its publication has taken so long. Unfortunately, Professor Maher's introduction, originally intended to appear in this volume, could not be included for technical reasons. Readers interested in seeing this introductory article are kindly referred to a forthcoming issue of *Historiographia Linguistica*.

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A Portuguese translation of a number of articles included in the present volume under the editorship of Professor Marcelo Dascal of the University of Campinas, Brazil, is in preparation.

Amsterdam, 5 March 1975

E. F. K. K.

Technical Note:

Because of the absence of a sign for the *schwa* in phonetic transcription in the italics element at hand, the following sign has been used to designate the ə in citation forms: ∅.

Please note also that, on several occasions, the diacritic for length has been placed somewhat too far above the vowel in question, e.g., ā, ē, ō, etc.