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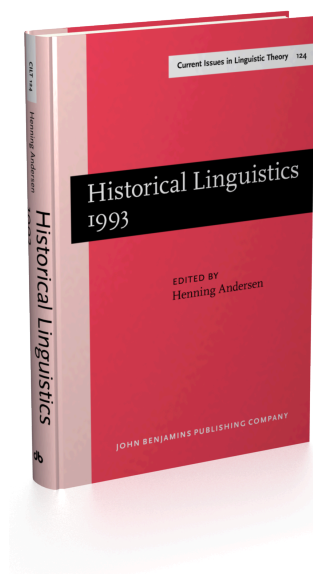
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PREFACE

This volume contains a selection of the papers presented at the Eleventh International Conference on Historical Linguistics, which was held at the University of California, Los Angeles, 16-21 August 1993. Among them are a few that were presented in the workshop on Typology and Parameters organized by David W. Lightfoot and myself.

It is a pleasure to record here the gratitude of the International Society for Historical Linguistics to the institutions and individuals who helped make the Conference a success.

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The papers presented in the Conference were chosen on the basis of abstracts evaluated by members of the Executive Committee of the ISHL. These same persons and three referees who prefer to remain anonymous helped select the papers published in this volume. I thank them for the valuable judgement they contributed and for their time.

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In view of the considerable effort that was made to bring this volume to the printer soon after the Conference, let it be recorded that it could easily have

been published some six months earlier had it not been for the Northridge, California Earthquake of 17 January 1994, which wrought death and destruction and, among innumerable other minor adverse effects, threw our production plans agley.

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