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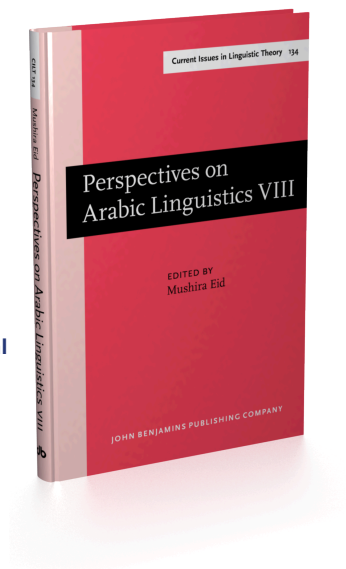
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On March 4-5, 1994, the Eighth Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics was held at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The symposium was sponsored by the Arabic Linguistics Society, The University of Massachusetts Department of Linguistics, The Near Eastern Area Studies Program, the offices of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and the Dean of the Graduate School, and by the University of Utah.

A total of fifteen papers were presented at the symposium; of these, nine are published in this volume. (Two others, by Safi & Broselow et. al, were published earlier in *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics VII*.) The papers presented at the symposium were selected on the basis of an anonymous review of abstracts submitted to the Program Committee. The papers included in the volume were further reviewed by the editor before their final acceptance for publication.

The transcription of all Arabic materials in the body of the papers follows the International Phonetic Alphabet or standard equivalents. The Arabic emphatics, however, are represented by a dot underneath the symbol, and long vowels as sequences of two vowels. The transliteration of Arabic names and titles follows accepted formats, with some simplification in the use of diacritics. We have used ' and ' for *hamza* (glottal stop) and 'ayn (pharyngeal approximant), respectively.

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