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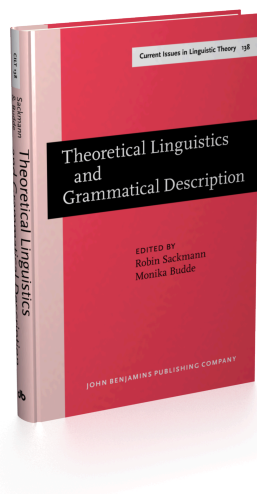
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## Editor's Preface

This volume presents a collection of papers by friends, colleagues, and former students of Professor Hans-Heinrich Lieb honouring him on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The editor's intention was a volume which differs from the traditional Festschrift concept in that the contributions cover a rather narrow range of topics, corresponding to some of the areas which have formed the centre of Hans-Heinrich Lieb's work. The area covered, then, is Integrational Linguistics, general linguistic theory, and language-specific investigations with a theoretical objective.

Most of the contributors to this volume have been influenced in one way or another by the theoretical work of Hans-Heinrich Lieb. With their contributions they honour a man who dedicated three decades of his life to the creation of a novel and independent linguistic approach, Integrational Linguistics, and who impresses all who work with him by his sharp intellect, his sound scholarship, and his integrity. This volume is an expression of his friends', students' and colleagues' high esteem and affection for him as a scholar and a person.

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