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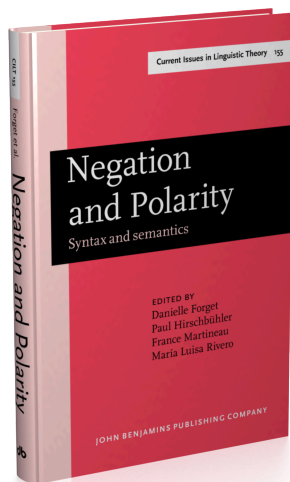
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The papers selected for this volume were first read in preliminary versions at the international conference *Negation: Syntax and Semantics*, held May 11-13, 1995, at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, under the auspices of the Département des Lettres françaises and the Department of Linguistics. The goal of the conference was to take advantage of renewed interest in the syntax and semantics of negation and polarity, prompted to a large extent by Jean-Yves Pollock's 1988 article "Verb Movement, Universal Grammar and the Structure of IP", to offer semanticists and syntacticians from different theoretical persuasions a chance to discuss their ideas. The diversity of perspectives existing in the field was well-represented by the 27 papers presented at the conference and the 17 papers published in the present volume, which have been revised, sometimes considerably, on the basis of the discussions between participants.

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