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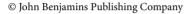


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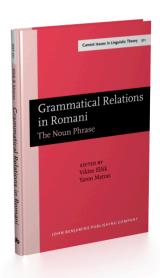
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PREFACE

The present collection focuses on a specific area of grammatical structure in Romani – the noun phrase. By choosing a grammatical theme, we aim to help promote the typologically-oriented discussion of Romani, as well as to stimulate further interest in Romani among those whose work is devoted primarily to general linguistic, comparative and typological issues.

Of the papers included in this collection, four are based on presentations at the Fourth International Conference on Romani Linguistics, held at the University of Manchester in September 1998: Elšík (on Nominal Paradigms), Koptjevskaja-Tamm (on Genitives), Crevels and Bakker (on External Possession), and Friedman (on Object Reduplication). We wish to thank the British Academy, the Linguistic Association of Great Britain, the University of Manchester's Research and Graduate Support Unit, and the Department of Linguistics at the University of Manchester for their financial and logistic support of the Conference. We are also grateful to Johan van der Auwera, Kees Hengeveld, Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm, John R. Payne, Frans Plank, and John Charles Smith for their contributions to the preparation of the Conference.

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