

# Preface

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## PREFACE

The present volume emerges from the 29<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the *Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL)* held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in the spring of 1999. This 29<sup>th</sup> meeting continued many of the past LSRL traditions, maintaining the refereed conference as an engaging forum for diverse aspects of the Romance Languages and current developments in linguistic theory. The selected papers from the symposium were revised in light of conference-based discussions and comments.

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