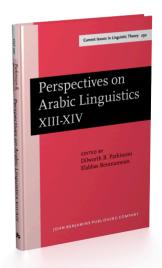
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The transcription of all Arabic materials in the body of the papers follows the International Phonetic alphabet, or standard equivalents. The Arabic emphatics are represented by a dot underneath the symbol, and long vowels as sequences of two vowels. For the citation of Arabic book titles in the reference sections, however, a transliteration system based on standard usage in Arabic and Middle East Studies journals has been adopted with some simplifications in the use of diacritics. Vowel length, for example, is not marked. The symbol 'represents the hamza and 'represents the 'ayn. We assume that the reader who knows Arabic will be able to supply information represented by the diacritics.

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