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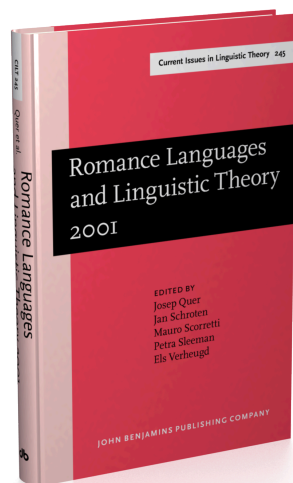
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INTRODUCTION

Going Romance is a major European annual discussion forum for theoretically relevant research on Romance languages; it is an international initiative of the Dutch university community involved in research on Romance languages. The proceedings volumes, titled *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory*, contain the selected papers of the *Going Romance* conferences, which have been organized by and held at the various universities of the country. The first volume contained the selected papers of the thirteenth conference, held in 1999.

This is the third proceedings volume. The articles form a selection of the papers that have been presented at the occasion of *Going Romance 2001 (XV)* - which was held at the University of Amsterdam on December 6 through December 8. The three day program included a workshop on Determiners. The volume contains articles on specifics of one or more Romance languages or varieties: the architecture of the Determiner Phrase and properties of determiners, the left periphery of the sentence and clause structure, null elements and their interpretation, clitics, and other interesting phenomena.

The editors would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of *Going Romance XV*. Next to some of the editors, the organization committee consisted of Ileana Comorovski (Université de Nancy 2), Denis Delfitto (Utrecht, UiL OTS), Jenny Doetjes (Utrecht, UiL OTS), Frank Drijkoningen (Utrecht, UiL OTS), Aafke Hulk (Amsterdam, HIL), Brigitte Kampers-Manhe (Groningen, CLCG).

The selection committee for the more than fifty abstracts for the main session and the workshop consisted of editors and organizers and was assisted by the invited speakers João Costa (Lisbon), Richard Kayne (New York), Brenda Laca (Paris 8), Giuseppe Longobardi (Trieste), Luigi Rizzi (Siena), Liliane Tasmowski (Antwerp), Karen Zagana (Washington) and by the following independent advisors: Leonie Bosveld (Groningen, CLCG), Francis Corblin (Paris 4 Sorbonne), Carmen Dobrovie-Sorin (Paris 7), Jenny Doetjes (Utrecht, UiL OTS), Jean-Marie Marandin (Paris 7), Johan Rooryck (Leiden, HIL) and Lucia Toveni (Lille 3).

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