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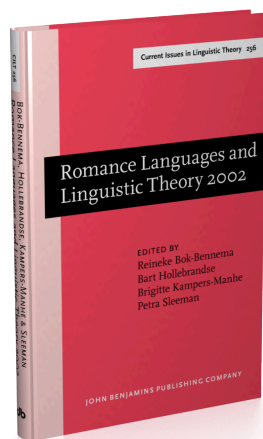
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## INTRODUCTION

*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 *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory* series consists of a selection of 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 fourth volume of *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory*. The articles form a selection of the papers that have been presented at the occasion of *Going Romance 2002 (XVI)* - which was held at the State University of Groningen on November 28 through November 30. The three day program included a workshop on Acquisition. The volume contains articles on specifics of one or more Romance languages or varieties: clausal structure, verb-movement, topic, focus and reinforcement constructions, nominal ellipsis, (absence of ) pronouns in child language, and other interesting phenomena.

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