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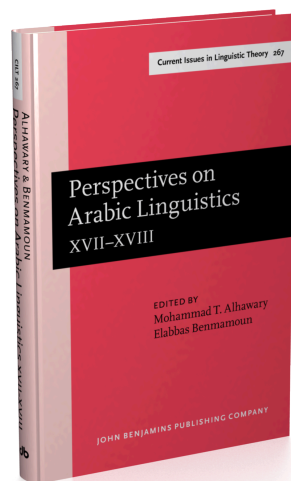
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The papers in this volume were presented at the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Annual Symposia on Arabic Linguistics, held in Alexandria, Egypt in May of 2003 and at the University of Oklahoma in March of 2004, and sponsored by the University of Alexandria and the University of Oklahoma, respectively. Of the forty-one papers presented at both symposia, twelve are published here. The papers presented at the symposia were selected on the basis of an anonymous review of abstracts submitted to the program committees. The papers included in the current volume were also subject to another tier of peer review process.

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The transcription of all Arabic materials in the body of the papers and appendices follows the International Phonetic Alphabet or standard equivalents. The Arabic emphatics are represented by a dot underneath the symbol (except in the first paper where a superscript [ʔ] symbol is used instead of the dot) and long vowels as sequences of two identical vowels or [:]. For the citation of Arabic titles in the references sections, a simplified transliteration system based on standard usage in Arabic and Middle East Studies journals has been adopted. Long vowels are marked. The symbol ' represents the *hamza* and ʿ represents the *ʿayn*.

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