

# Foreword

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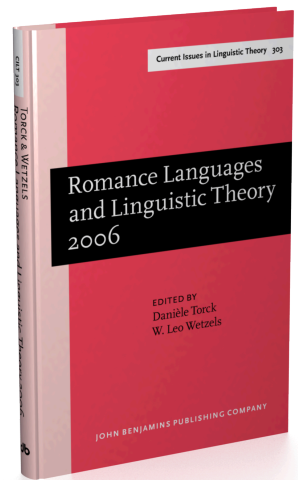
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The annual conference series Going Romance is an international initiative of the universities in the Netherlands that engage in linguistic research on Romance languages. Since its inception in the eighties of the past century, the conference has developed into a major European discussion forum where ideas about language and linguistics and about Romance languages are put in an interactive perspective, giving space to both universality and Romance-internal variation.

Since just before the new millennium, the organization publishes a proceedings-like volume, entitled Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory. An invitation to address a key-note lecture includes the possibility to publish the corresponding paper in the volume. For publications by selected speakers a separate review procedure has been agreed upon.

The current volume, Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2006, contains a selection of the papers that have been presented at the twentieth Going Romance conference, which was held at the VU University Amsterdam on December 7–8, 2006.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of this edition of Going Romance. First of all, our thanks go to the invited speakers, selected speakers, presidents of sessions, participants and discussants, for creating that lively atmosphere during the couple of days that we were together.

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