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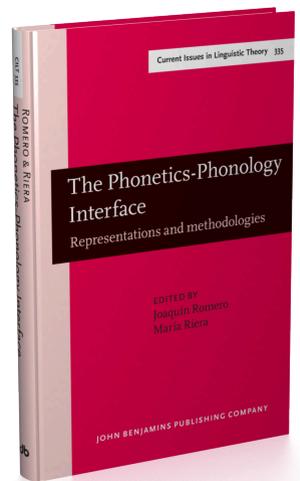
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The papers selected for inclusion in this volume were first presented at the 5th Phonetics and Phonology in Iberia (PaPI) conference, held in Tarragona, Spain, in June 2011. As with previous such conferences, the goal of the meeting was to bring together researchers, both senior and junior, working in the area of laboratory phonology or the phonetics/phonology interface. Over 120 participants from five continents gathered to engage in a productive exchange of ideas, data and methodologies that together constitute a good cross section of current state-of-the-art work in laboratory phonology. The present selection is an attempt to showcase the high quality as well as the thematic and methodological richness of the work presented at the 2011 meeting. Even though much of the focus of these papers is on Romance languages, in line with previous PaPI conferences, the work shown here goes beyond the Romance realm, not only in the sense that it includes research on languages of other language families, but also in that most of the theoretical issues dealt with and the methodological variety employed in the studies have repercussions that go well beyond the specific languages investigated. Similarly, the work included in this volume opens up new possibilities for further research that is not limited to Romance languages. We believe that many of the topics and issues raised here are clear indicators of where research in the phonetics/phonology interface is heading in years to come.

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