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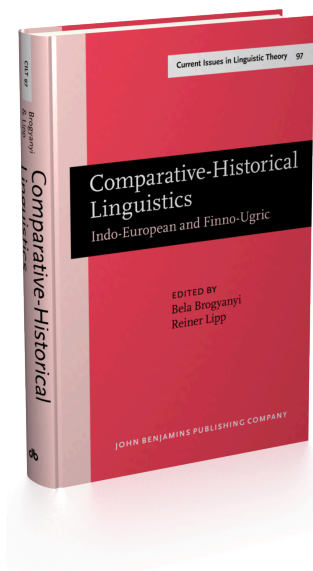
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## PREFACE

With this volume we present the last of three volumes dedicated to Professor Oswald Szemerényi on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

The three thematically distinct volumes have been published separately. Volume I "Prehistory, History, and Historiography of Language, Speech, and Linguistic Theory", treats mainly topics in general linguistics, including considerations on the origin and prehistory of language as well as contributions on linguistic historiography. Volume II "Historical Philology: Greek, Latin and Romance" embraces studies on the classical languages Greek and Latin. Italic and the development of Latin to the Romance daughter languages is also taken into consideration. In addition to topics in diachronic linguistics, philological and historical aspects are also treated.

The present volume contains mostly studies relating to Indo-European and the IE dialects. The volume concludes with a section on Finno-Ugric and Altaic languages.

We hope this volume will provide Professor Szemerényi some pleasure and will be positively accepted by the linguistic community.

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In retrospect, after the completion of these three volumes we have learned the veracity of the old saying *habent sua fata libelli* ...

The Editors solely are responsible for any shortcomings in the present volume.

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