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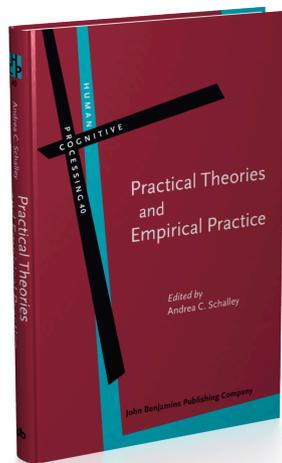
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This volume is dedicated to Dietmar Zaefferer, who celebrated his 65th birthday in May 2012, and whose academic journey has taken him from applying formal approaches to semantics and pragmatics, via linguistic typology and what is nowadays referred to as 'digital linguistics' or 'cyberlinguistics', to experimentally studying the language-cognition nexus with a focus on the cognitive grounding of language. The volume engages with all of these strands and follows Dietmar Zaefferer's lead, also by embracing his long-standing interest in integrating linguistic data into an overarching framework or theory as well as his more recent captivation with empirical approaches. His work has provided the frame on which this volume has been built.

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