

# Preface

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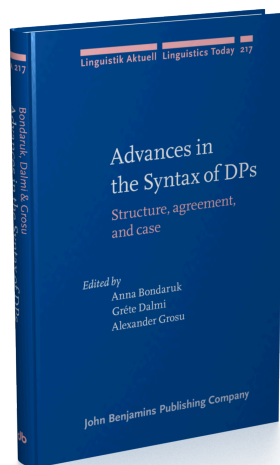
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Helen Trugman's (1962–2012) career trajectory was non-standard from an academic point of view. She emigrated to Israel from the Ukraine at the age of 27, together with her husband and eldest child, with an MA in teaching English as a Foreign Language, English Literature and Translation. She had a successful career teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL) in a number of Israeli institutions for higher education, and from 1991 she was based at the Holon Institute for Technology. Between 1996 and 2006 she was Head of the EFL Division there, and she became a leading figure in the EFL community in Israel. One project that she cared particularly about was developing programmes for teaching EFL to students with dyslexia.

Her career in Theoretical Linguistics was carried on alongside all this activity. She enrolled as a Ph.D. student at Tel Aviv University in 1990, her first exposure to generative linguistics, and began working toward her Ph.D. degree with Alexander Grosu. Her dissertation took a long time to complete, which was hardly surprising given the amount of other activities that she was involved in (including bringing up two sons), but what was striking was how fast she became involved in the linguistics community in Israel and in the Slavic linguistics community internationally. From 1995, when she presented a paper at the first meeting of FDSL (Formal Description of Slavic Languages), she was a regular participant in conferences, and she built up a network of colleagues with whom she collaborated on a number of joint papers, as well as single-authoring many more. The last of these was published posthumously in *Papers from the 9th FDSL meeting* in 2012.

Helen was a striking personality. She had high standards in both personal and academic spheres of life, and was demanding of herself and others, but she was always a pleasure to be with as she negotiated her relations with her colleagues with consideration and charm.

This volume is a tribute by her colleagues from Tel Aviv University and from the international linguistic community, who felt that her impact on them and their affection for her should have some permanent memorial. I knew her and worked with her only in the last years of her life, but it was sufficient to appreciate her talent and the warmth of her personality, and to be able to welcome this memorial volume wholeheartedly.

May her memory be blessed. יהי זכרה ברוך

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