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Functional Grammar: A Field Approach

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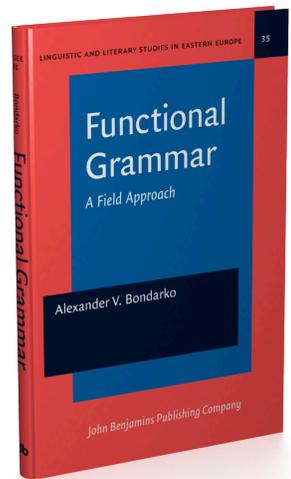
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This book is an enlarged English version of *Funkcional'naja grammatika* (Leningrad: Nauka, 1984). The sections "The concept of function", "The interpretational component of language content", and "Semantic categories of grammar" are taken from the author's introduction to *Teorija funkcional'noj grammatiki. Vvedenie. Aspektual'nost'. Vremennaja lokalizovanost'. Taksis*. Leningrad: Nauka, 1987 (The theory of functional grammar: Introduction. Aspectuality. Temporal Localisation. Taxis). The section "The category of aspect and its environment in the Russian language" includes extracts from the author's works on this subject published throughout the 1980s, and also some unpublished fragments. The bibliography is enlarged to include the latest publications.

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