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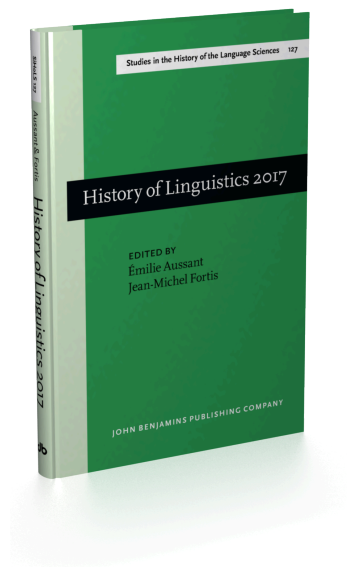
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The 14th ICHoLS conference took place in Paris from August 28 to September 1 2017. ICHoLS conferences, inaugurated in Ottawa in 1978 on the initiative of Konrad Koerner, have since taken place alternately in Europe (Lille, Trier, Galway, Oxford, Saint-Cloud, Potsdam, Saint Petersburg, Vila Real) and in the Americas (Ottawa, Princeton, Washington, São Paulo and Campinas, and Urbana-Champaign). It is the most important platform for researchers working on the history of the language sciences, a field that is still expanding as can be attested by the number of learned societies dedicated to the field (we have counted 8) and the establishment of several specialized journals on the history of the language sciences (at least 5, not counting those that welcome occasional papers on the history of linguistics). The 2017 conference received the contributions of 210 authors and was attended by approximately 220 people. This testifies to the growth of our domain, which might not be exceptional, however, in this era of globalization. Between 20 and 30 years ago the attendance typically was from half to one third less (Auroux 1999).

The two organizers of this 14th edition were the *Histoire des théories linguistiques* (HTL) research group and the *Société d'histoire et d'épistémologie des sciences du langage* (SHESL), a learned society. We also received support from other partners, such as Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3, which provided its premises and facilities, as well as the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (through the ACCES program) and the LabEx (Laboratory of Excellence) *Empirical Foundations of Linguistics*. We thank them profusely for their support. We are immensely grateful to the members of the conference scientific and organizing committees, especially Chloé Laplantine, Camille Faivre, Magali Picone, as well as the HTL's PhD students who put in a great amount of time and effort to ensure that the conference would be a success. Finally, our thanks go to the contributors of this volume, who had to put up with requirements and queries of all kinds. We have much appreciated their patience and kindness.

As with previous ICHoLS editions, the program alternated between plenary talks and parallel sessions. The plenary speakers were Sylvain Auroux, Bernard Colombat, Jean-Michel Fortis, John Joseph, Douglas Kibbee, Nicola McLelland, Marina de Palo and Christian Puech.

As for the general session talks, almost half of the seven daily parallel sessions were devoted to workshops. There were nine, listed below:

- “Extended Grammars”, co-organized by Émilie Aussant and Jean-Luc Chevillard;
- “Comparative Glossing practices”, co-organized by Aimée Lahaussais and Franck Cinato;
- “Approaches to dialectal variation from antiquity up to modern times”, organized by Raf van Rooy;
- “Complémentarité des disciplines en linguistique appliquée”, co-organized by Danielle Candel and Jean-Paul Narcy-Combes;
- “On the Place of Rasmus Rask in the history of the linguistic sciences”, organized by Frans Gregersen;
- “Etymology and Linguistic Historiography”, organized by Marc Pierce;
- “Les changements des idées linguistiques dans la formation des grammaires portugaises et brésiliennes”, co-organized by Marli Quadros Leite and Carlos Assunção;
- “Le discours et ses modes d’historicisation : entre le politique et le disciplinaire”, co-organized by Amanda Scherer, Vanise Medeiros, Verli Petri and Cristiane Dias;
- “Cross Readings: Andalusian grammarians reading Oriental grammarians, Oriental grammarians reading Andalusian grammarians” organized by Francesco Binaghi.

This balance between general papers and thematic workshops imparted both coherence and flexibility to this 14th edition of ICHoLS. We thank all workshop organizers for their proposals, which were rich and catered to a wide range of interests. Also noteworthy is the fact that non-Western traditions, such as the Arabic, Sanskrit and Tamil grammatical traditions, were well-represented in the 2017 program, something we are very pleased about.

The proceedings of seven of the nine thematic workshops have been – or will be – published in special issues of journals or in other books:

- “Extended Grammars”: to be published in the *Beiträge zur Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft*.
- “Comparative Glossing Practices”: to be published in *Glossing Practice: Comparative Perspectives*, edited by F. Cinato, A. Lahaussais and J. Whitman, Lexington Books.
- “Approaches to dialectal variation from antiquity up to modern times”: to be published in *Essays in the history of dialect studies: From ancient reflections to modern dialectology*, edited by R. van Rooy, Nodus Publikationen.
- “Complémentarité des disciplines en linguistique appliquée”: published in *Études de linguistique appliquée* 190 (April-June 2018), edited by Danielle Candel and Jean-Paul Narcy-Combes.

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- “Les changements des idées linguistiques dans la formation des grammaires portugaises et brésiliennes”: published in *Dossiers d’HEL* n°12: <http://htl.linguist.univ-paris-diderot.fr/hel/dossiers/numero12>
  - “Le discours et ses modes d’historicisation: entre le politique et le disciplinaire”: published in *Fragmentum* (número especial) jul.-dez. 2018, *História da Ciência da Linguagem, das Teorias Linguísticas, da construção do conhecimento sobre a(s) língua(s)*: <https://periodicos.ufsm.br/fragmentum/issue/view/1438/showToc>
  - “Cross Readings: Andalusian grammarians reading Oriental grammarians, Oriental grammarians reading Andalusian grammarians”: published in *Histoire Épistémologie Langage* 40.2 (2018), edited by Francesco Binaghi: <https://www.hel-journal.org/fr/articles/hel/abs/2018/02/contents/contents.html>

