Preface

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This volume of Linguistische Arbeits Berichte – originally a present for Gereon Müller on his 50th birthday – brings together a number of papers addressing different topics currently being discussed and worked on at the Institute for Linguistics (InfL) in Leipzig. As a result, LAB 92 attests to the diversity of linguistic research carried out at the institute in three different ways.

First, the contributions in this volume cover a wide range of empirical phenomena in phonology, morphology and syntax. The phenomena are approached from theoretical, psycholinguistic and corpus-linguistic perspectives.

Second, this volume mirrors the diversity of the theoretical frameworks encompassed by the research in Leipzig, including Minimalism, Optimality Theory, Distributed Morphology, Nanosyntax, Generative Lexicon Framework, and Construction Grammar.

Finally, this volume also presents the results of initial research in the newly founded graduate school “Interaction of Grammatical Building Blocks” (IGRA) which investigates the interaction of different grammatical primitives (rules, constraints, constructions, operations, extralinguistic factors, etc.). The graduate programme aims to investigate these kinds of interactions from different theoretical perspectives, on the basis of detailed empirical studies of phonological, morphological, and syntactic phenomena from various languages. As becomes clear from this volume, the discussions, findings and analyses emerging from the IGRA graduate programme greatly contribute to the diversity of the institute for Linguistics in Leipzig both theoretically and empirically.

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