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Switch reference is a grammatical process that marks a referential relationship between

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**arguments of two (or more) verbs. Typically it has been characterized as an inflection pattern on the verb itself, encoding identity or non-identity between subject arguments**

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**separately from  
traditional person or  
number marking. In the 50  
years since William  
Jacobsen's coinage of the  
term, switch reference has  
evolved from an exotic**

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**phenomenon found in a handful of lesser-known languages to a widespread feature found in geographically and linguistically unconnected parts of the world. The**

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**growing body of  
information on the topic  
raises new theoretical and  
empirical questions about  
the development,  
functions, and nature of  
switch reference, as well**

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**as the internal variation between different switch-reference systems. The contributions to this volume discuss these and other questions for a wide variety of languages from**

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**all over the world, and endeavour to demonstrate the full functional and morphosyntactic range of the phenomenon. The sixteen chapters in this volume are written by**

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**typologists and  
typologically oriented  
field linguists who have  
completed their Ph.D.  
theses in the first four  
years of this millennium.  
The authors address**

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**selected theoretical  
questions of general  
linguistic relevance  
drawing from a wealth of  
data hitherto unfamiliar  
to the general linguistic  
audience. The general aim**

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**is to broaden the horizons of typology by revisiting existing typologies with larger language samples, exploring domains not considered in typology before, taking linguistic**

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**diversity more seriously,  
strengthening the  
connection between  
typology and areal  
linguistics, and bridging  
the gap to other fields,  
such as historical**

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**linguistics and sociolinguistics. The papers cover grammatical phenomena from phonology, morphology up to the syntax of complex sentences. The linguistic**

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**phenomena scrutinized  
include the following:  
foot and stress, tone,  
infixation, inflection vs.  
derivation, word  
formation, polysynthesis,  
suppletion, person**

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**marking, reflexives,  
alignment, transitivity,  
tense-aspect-mood systems,  
negation, interrogation,  
converb systems, and  
complex sentences. More  
general methodological and**

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**theoretical issues, such as reconstruction, markedness, semantic maps, templates, and use of parallel corpora, are also addressed. The contributions in this**

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**volume draw from many  
traditional fields of  
linguistics  
simultaneously, and show  
that it is becoming harder  
and maybe also less  
desirable to keep them**

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**separate, especially when taking a broadly cross-linguistic approach to language. The book is of interest to typologists and field linguists, as well as to any linguists**

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**interested in theoretical  
issues in different  
subfields of linguistics.  
Scales and HierarchiesA  
Cross-Disciplinary  
PerspectiveWalter de  
Gruyter GmbH & Co KG**

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**A guide to principles and methods for the management, archiving, sharing, and citing of linguistic research data, especially digital data.  
"Doing language science"**

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**depends on collecting,  
transcribing, annotating,  
analyzing, storing, and  
sharing linguistic  
research data. This volume  
offers a guide to  
linguistic data**

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**management, engaging with  
current trends toward the  
transformation of  
linguistics into a more  
data-driven and  
reproducible scientific  
endeavor. It offers both**

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**principles and methods,  
presenting the conceptual  
foundations of linguistic  
data management and a  
series of case studies,  
each of which demonstrates  
a concrete application of**

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**abstract principles in a  
current practice. In part  
1, contributors bring  
together knowledge from  
information science,  
archiving, and data  
stewardship relevant to**

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**linguistic data  
management. Topics covered  
include implementation  
principles, archiving  
data, finding and using  
datasets, and the  
valuation of time and**

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**effort involved in data management. Part 2 presents snapshots of practices across various subfields, with each chapter presenting a unique data management**

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**project with generalizable  
guidance for researchers.  
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Linguistic Data Management  
is an essential addition  
to the toolkit of every  
linguist, guiding**

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**researchers toward making  
their data FAIR: Findable,  
Accessible, Interoperable,  
and Reusable.**

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Corpus Linguistics  
In honor of Johanna**

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**Nichols  
Switch Reference 2.0  
Agreement from a  
Diachronic Perspective  
Mobility and Ancient  
Society in Asia and the  
Americas**

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## **English and Spanish**

This book addresses the complex question of how and why languages have spread across the globe.

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large databases, with a focus on the language and population histories of Island Southeast Asia/Oceania, Africa, and South America.

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languages and linguistics. This work includes chapters and sections related to language origins, diffusion, conflicts, policies, education/instruction, representation, technology, regions, and mapping. Also addressed is the mapping of

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languages and linguistic diversity, on language in the context of politics, on the relevance of language to cultural identity, on language minorities and endangered languages, and also on language and the arts and non-human language and communication. This

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reference work looks at the subject matter and contributors to the disciplines and programs in the social sciences and humanities, and the dearth of materials on languages and linguistics. The topics covered are not only discipline-centered, but in the

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cutting-edge fields that intersect several disciplines and also cut across the social sciences and humanities.

These include gender studies, sustainability and development, technology and social media impacts, law and human rights, climate change,

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public health and epidemiology, architecture, religion, visual representation and mapping. These new and emerging research directions and other intersecting fields are not traditionally discipline-bounded, but cut across numerous fields. The

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volumes will appeal to those within existing fields and disciplines and those working the intersections at local, regional and global scales. This textbook provides a critical introduction to major research topics and current approaches in linguistic

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typology, the study of structural variation in human language and of the limits on that variation. Jae Jung Song draws on a wide range of cross-linguistic data to describe what linguistic typology has revealed both about language in general and about

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the rich variety of ways in which meaning and expression are achieved in the world's languages. Following an introduction to the subject matter and its history, the first part of the book explores theoretical issues and approaches, as well as practical

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considerations such as sampling methods and data collection. In the second part, chapters examine variation in particular phenomena, such as word order, case alignment, and evidentiality marking. Each chapter concludes with study

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questions and suggestions for further reading. The volume will be suitable for undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of linguistic typology and language universals, and as secondary reading for cross-linguistically focused courses in

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phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

The third volume in the VARGReB series explores different aspects of varying argument realization in Baltic. It presents original studies on differential marking of both core and

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non-core verbal arguments, on argument structures of nouns and the encoding of nominal arguments, as well as on constructions reflecting the expansion of argument structure through the addition of causative, resultative or applicative predications.

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The discussion of phenomena of argument realization and marking often touches on fundamental problems of syntax and the syntax-semantics interface, such as the putative locality of case assignment, event-structural factors determining

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case marking, the inheritance of argument structure across phrase types, or the status of arguments and adjuncts. The contributions to this volume use different approaches and frameworks to analyze a wealth of authentic data from contemporary

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Latvian and Lithuanian.  
Nominal Determination  
Broadening the Horizons and  
Redefining the Foundations  
Language Typology and Historical  
Contingency  
Adjective attribution

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The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic  
Analysis

Managing writing systems using  
orthography profiles

*Bringing together diachronic  
research from a variety of  
perspectives, notably typology,*

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*formal syntax and semantics, this volume focuses on the interplay of syntactic and semantic factors in language change - an issue so far largely neglected both in (mostly lexical) historical semantics as well as historical syntax, but recently*

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*brought into focus by grammaticalization theory as well as Minimalist diachronic syntax. The contributions draw on data from numerous Indo-European languages including Vedic Sanskrit, Middle Indic, Greek as*

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*well as English and German, and discuss a range of phenomena such as change in negation markers, indefinite articles, quantifiers, modal verbs, argument structure among others. The papers analyze diachronic*

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*evidence in the light of contemporary syntactic and semantic theory, addressing the crucial question of how syntactic and semantic change are linked, and whether both are governed by similar constraints, principles and*

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*systematic mechanisms. The volume will appeal to scholars in historical linguistics and formal theories of syntax and semantics. The contents of the present volume will enhance our understanding of the diachrony of*

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*agreement systems and provide a useful starting point for future studies on this both fascinating and intricate field of research. This book presents evidence for a universal word order constraint, the Final-over-Final Condition*

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*(FOFC), and discusses the theoretical implications of this phenomenon. FOFC is a syntactic condition that disallows structures where a head-initial phrase is contained in a head-final phrase in the same extended*

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*projection/domain. The authors argue that FOFC is a linguistic universal, not just a strong tendency, and not a constraint on processing. They discuss the effects of the universal in various domains, including the noun*

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*phrase, the adjective phrase, the verb phrase, and the clause. The book draws on data from a wide range of languages, including Hindi, Turkish, Basque, Finnish, Afrikaans, German, Hungarian, French, English, Italian, Romanian,*

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*Arabic, Hebrew, Mandarin, Pontic Greek, Bagirmi, Dholuo, and Thai. FOFC, the authors argue, is important because it is the only known example of a word order asymmetry pertaining to the order of heads. As such, it has significant*

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*repercussions for theories  
connecting the narrow syntax to  
linear order.*

*This text is a practical guide for  
linguists, and programmers, who  
work with data in multilingual  
computational environments. We*

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*introduce the basic concepts  
needed to understand how writing  
systems and character encodings  
function, and how they work  
together at the intersection  
between the Unicode Standard  
and the International Phonetic*

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*Alphabet. Although these standards are often met with frustration by users, they nevertheless provide language researchers and programmers with a consistent computational architecture needed to process,*

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*publish and analyze lexical data from the world's languages. Thus we bring to light common, but not always transparent, pitfalls which researchers face when working with Unicode and IPA. Having identified and overcome these*

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*pitfalls involved in making writing systems and character encodings syntactically and semantically interoperable (to the extent that they can be), we created a suite of open-source Python and R tools to work with languages using*

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*orthography profiles that describe author- or document-specific orthographic conventions. In this cookbook we describe a formal specification of orthography profiles and provide recipes using open source tools to show how*

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*users can segment text, analyze it, identify errors, and to transform it into different written forms for comparative linguistics research. This book is a prime example of open publishing as envisioned by Language Science Press. It is open*

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*access, has accompanying open source software, has open peer review, versioning and so on. Read more in this blog post.*

*Linguistic Universals and  
Language Variation*

*Advances in Research on Semantic*

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*Roles*

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of a Fronting Construction*

*Typology, Context Constraints, and  
Historical Emergence*

*The Diachronic Typology of Non-  
Canonical Subjects*

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*The Cambridge Handbook of World  
Englishes*

**The following theoretical-  
empirical points on the DP are  
discussed: Article and its  
referential-anaphoric properties  
by Abraham (Determiners in  
Centering Theory); Bartra (On**

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**bare NPs in Old Spanish and Catalan); identification of all functional nominal categories by Stvan (Bare singular count nouns); Kupisch & Koops (Specificity and negation); Jäger (History of German indefinite determiners); typological**

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**comparison of the interaction of  
nominal and verbal  
determination by Abraham  
(Discourse-functional  
crystallization of the original  
demonstrative); Leiss (Covert  
(in)definiteness and aspect in Old  
Icelandic, Gothic, Old High**

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**German); Lohndal (Double  
definiteness during Old Norse);  
emergence of DP in  
ontogeny/phylogeny by Osawa  
(DP, TP and aspect in Old English  
and L1 acquisition); Bittner (Early  
functions of definites in L1  
acquisition); Wood**

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**(Demonstratives and possessives emergent from Old English); Bauer ((in)definite articles in Indo-European) and Stark (Variation in nominal indefiniteness in Romance). Romani is the first language, and family and community language,**

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**of upwards of 3-4 million people and possibly many more in Europe, the Americas, and Australia. Documentation and research on the language draws on a tradition of more than two centuries, yet it remains relatively unknown and often**

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**engulfed by myths. In recent decades there has been an upsurge of interest in the language including language maintenance and educational projects, the creation of digital resources, language policy initiatives, and a flourishing**

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**community of online users of the language. This Handbook presents state of the art research on Romani language and linguistics. Bringing together key established scholars in the field of linguistics and neighbouring disciplines, it introduces the**

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**reader to the structures of Romani and its dialect divisions, and to the history of research on the language. It then goes on to explore major external influences on the language through contact with other key languages, aspects of language acquisition,**

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**and interventions in support of the language through public policy provisions, activism, translation, religious and literary initiatives, and social media. This comprehensive and groundbreaking account of Romani will appeal to students**

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**and scholars from across language and linguistics. The plural form 'Englishes' conveys the diversity of English as a global language, pinpointing the growth and existence of a large number of national, regional and social forms. The**

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**global spread of English and the new varieties that have emerged around the world has grown to be a vast area of study and research, which intersects multiple disciplines. This Handbook provides a comprehensive and authoritative**

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**survey of World Englishes from 1600 to the present day. Covering topics such as variationist sociolinguistics, pragmatics, contact linguistics, linguistic anthropology, corpus- and applied linguistics and language history, it combines**

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**discussion of traditional topics with a variety of innovative approaches. The chapters, all written by internationally acclaimed authorities, provide up-to-date discussions of the evolution of different Englishes around the globe, a**

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**comprehensive coverage of different models and approaches, and some original perspectives on current challenges.**

**This book is the first typological study of adjective attribution marking. Its focus lies on Northern Eurasia, although it**

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**covers many more languages and presents an ontology of morphosyntactic categories relevant to noun phrase structure in general. Beside treating synchronic data, the study contributes to historical linguistics by reconstructing the**

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**origin of new types specifically in  
the language contact area  
between the Indo-European and  
Uralic families.**

**World Languages in Interaction  
The Unicode cookbook for  
linguists**

**Argument Realization in Baltic**

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## **Topicalization in Asian Englishes A Syntactic Universal**

*Chapters in this volume  
describe morphology using  
four different frameworks  
that have an architectural*

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*property in common: they all use defaults as a way of discovering and presenting systematicity in the least systematic component of grammar. These frameworks -*

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*Construction Morphology,  
Network Morphology,  
Paradigm-function  
Morphology, and Word  
Grammar - display key  
differences in how they  
constrain the use and*

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*scope of defaults, and in the morphological phenomena that they address. An introductory chapter presents an overview of defaults in linguistics and*

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*specifically in morphology. In subsequent chapters, key proponents of the four frameworks seek to answer questions about the role of defaults in the lexicon, including:*

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*Does a defaults-based account of language have implications for the architecture of the grammar, particularly the proposal that morphology is an autonomous*

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*component? How does a default differ from the canonical or prototypical in morphology? Do defaults have a psychological basis? And how do defaults help us understand*

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*language as a sign-based  
system that is flawed,  
where the one to one  
association of form and  
meaning breaks down in the  
morphology?*

*Die im Jahre 1905 von*

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*Gustav Gröber ins Leben  
gerufene Reihe der  
Beihefte zur Zeitschrift  
für romanische Philologie  
zählt zu den  
renommiertesten  
Fachpublikationen der*

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*Romanistik. Die Beihefte  
pflegen ein  
gesamtromanisches Profil,  
das neben den  
Nationalsprachen auch die  
weniger im Fokus stehenden  
romanischen Sprachen mit*

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*einschließt. Zur  
Begutachtung können  
eingereicht werden:  
Monographien und  
Sammelbände zur  
Sprachwissenschaft in  
ihrer ganzen Breite, zur*

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*mediävistischen*

*Literaturwissenschaft und  
zur Editionsphilologie.*

*Mögliche*

*Publikationssprachen sind  
Französisch, Spanisch,  
Portugiesisch, Italienisch*

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*und Rumänisch sowie  
Deutsch und Englisch.  
Sammelbände sollten  
thematisch und sprachlich  
in sich möglichst  
einheitlich gehalten sein.  
This volume explores the*

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*multiple aspects of  
morphological complexity,  
offering typological,  
acquisitional,  
sociolinguistic, and  
diachronic perspectives.  
The analyses are based on*

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*rich empirical data from a wide range of languages, as well as experimental data from artificial language learning.*

*Mobility and Ancient Society in Asia and the*

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*Americas contains  
contributions by leading  
international scholars  
concerning the character,  
timing, and geography of  
regional migrations that  
led to the dispersal of*

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*human societies from Inner and northeast Asia to the New World in the Upper Pleistocene (ca. 20,000–15,000 years ago). This volume bridges scholarly traditions from*

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*Europe, Central Asia, and North and South America, bringing different perspectives into a common view. The book presents an international overview of an ongoing discussion that*

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*is relevant to the ancient history of both Eurasia and the Americas. The content of the chapters provides both geographic and conceptual coverage of main currents in*

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*contemporary scholarly research, including case studies from Inner Asia (Kazakhstan), southwest Siberia, northeast Siberia, and North and South America. The*

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*chapters consider the trajectories, ecology, and social dynamics of ancient mobility, communication, and adaptation in both Eurasia and the Americas, using diverse*

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*methodologies of data  
recovery ranging from  
archaeology, historical  
linguistics, ancient DNA,  
human osteology, and  
palaeoenvironmental  
reconstruction. Although*

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*methodologically diverse,  
the chapters are each  
broadly synthetic in  
nature and present current  
scholarly views of when,  
and in which ways,  
societies from northeast*

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*Asia ultimately spread eastward (and southward) into North and South America, and how we might reconstruct the cultures and adaptations related to Paleolithic groups.*

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*Ultimately, this book provides a unique synthetic perspective that bridges Asia and the Americas and brings the ancient evidence from both sides of the Bering Strait*

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*into common focus.*

*On Diversity and*

*Complexity of Languages*

*Spoken in Europe and North*

*and Central Asia*

*Studies in Language*

*The Cambridge Handbook of*

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*Linguistic Anthropology*  
*Measuring Grammatical*  
*Complexity*  
*Information Structure and*  
*Reference Tracking in*  
*Complex Sentences*  
*Linguistic Typology*

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This volume is dedicated  
to exploring the  
crossroads where complex  
sentences and  
information management -  
more specifically  
information structure

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and reference tracking –  
come together. Complex  
sentences are a highly  
relevant but  
understudied domain for  
studying notions of IS  
and RT. On the one hand,

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a complex sentence can be studied as a mini-unit of discourse consisting of two or more elements describing events, situations, or processes, with its own

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internal information-  
structural and  
referential  
organization. On the  
other hand, complex  
sentences can be studied  
as parts of larger

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discourse structures,  
such as narratives or  
conversations, in terms  
of how their information-  
structural  
characteristics relate  
to this wider context.

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The book offers new perspectives for the study of the interaction between complex sentences and information management, and moreover adds

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typological breadth by focusing on lesser studied languages from several parts of the world.

This book examines the question of whether

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languages can differ in grammatical complexity and, if so, how relative complexity differences might be measured. The volume differs from others devoted to the

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question of complexity  
in language in that the  
authors all approach the  
problem from the point  
of view of formal  
grammatical theory,  
psycholinguistics, or

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neurolinguistics.

Chapters investigate a number of key issues in grammatical complexity, taking phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic

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considerations into account. These include what is often called the 'trade-off problem', namely whether complexity in one grammatical component is

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necessarily balanced by  
simplicity in another;  
and the question of  
interpretive complexity,  
that is, whether and how  
one might measure the  
difficulty for the

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hearer in assigning meaning to an utterance and how such complexity might be factored in to an overall complexity assessment. Measuring Grammatical Complexity

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brings together a number  
of distinguished  
scholars in the field,  
and will be of interest  
to linguists of all  
theoretical stripes from  
advanced undergraduate

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level upwards,  
particularly those  
working in the areas of  
morphosyntax,  
psycholinguistics,  
neurolinguistics, and  
cognitive linguistics.

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The languages of Europe and North and Central Asia provide a rich variety of data. In this volume, some articles are summaries of large areal typological

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research projects, and some articles focus on structures or constructions in a single language.

However, it is common to all the articles that

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they investigate phenomena that have not been examined previously, or they apply a new framework to a topic. The volume will be of interest to

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scholars with a focus on this broad geographic region, typologists, historical linguists and discourse analysts. The uniqueness of this volume is that it brings

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together work on a genetically diverse set of languages that have some shared areal traits.

The field of linguistic anthropology looks at

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human uniqueness and diversity through the lens of language, our species' special combination of art and instinct. Human language both shapes, and is

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shaped by, our minds, societies, and cultural worlds. This state-of-the-field survey covers a wide range of topics, approaches and theories, such as the nature and

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function of language systems, the relationship between language and social interaction, and the place of language in the social life of

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communities. Promoting a broad vision of the subject, spanning a range of disciplines from linguistics to biology, from psychology to sociology and

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philosophy, this  
authoritative handbook  
is an essential  
reference guide for  
students and researchers  
working on language and  
culture across the

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social sciences.

A Cross-Disciplinary  
Perspective

The third wave

Motivations for Research  
on Linguistic

Complexity: Methodology,

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The Oxford Handbook of  
Polysynthesis  
Studies in Memory of  
Anna Siewierska  
Scales and Hierarchies  
**The Routledge Handbook of**

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Linguistic Anthropology is a broad survey of linguistic anthropology, featuring contributions from prominent scholars in the field. Each chapter presents a brief historical summary of

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research in the field and discusses topics and issues of current concern to people doing research in linguistic anthropology. The handbook is organized into four parts - Language and Cultural

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Productions; Language  
Ideologies and Practices of  
Learning; Language and the  
Communication of Identities;  
and Language and  
Local/Global Power - and  
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and monographs on the passive, on word order, and on the category of person are standard literature in these respective fields. Mindful of Anna's last monograph, *Person, the*

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and incompleteness in person paradigms, the origin of referential systems, dependent versus independent marking, and referential hierarchies. Other topics are

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grammatical alignment,  
grammatical voice,  
ditransitives, and word  
order. Most of the  
contributions take a broad,  
typological perspective.  
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topicalization achieve? How  
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**methodologically? And, lastly,  
which influence do language  
processing and production  
have on topicalization?**

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**linguistics, and typology  
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**is relevant to the language sciences more generally: To what extent can cross-linguistic generalizations, i.e. statistical universals of linguistic structure, be explained by the diachronic**

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**sources of these structures?  
Everyone agrees that  
typological distributions are  
the result of complex histories,  
as “languages evolve into the  
variation states to which  
synchronic universals pertain”**

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**(Hawkins 1988). However, an increasingly popular line of argumentation holds that many, perhaps most, typological regularities are long-term reflections of their diachronic sources, rather**

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**than being 'target-driven' by overarching functional-adaptive motivations. On this view, recurrent pathways of reanalysis and grammaticalization can lead to uniform synchronic results,**

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**obviating the need to postulate  
global forces like ambiguity  
avoidance, processing  
efficiency or iconicity,  
especially if there is no  
evidence for such motivations  
in the genesis of the respective**

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**constructions. On the other hand, the recent typological literature is equally ripe with talk of "complex adaptive systems", "attractor states" and "cross-linguistic convergence". One may**

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**wonder, therefore, how much room is left for traditional functional-adaptive forces and how exactly they influence the diachronic trajectories that shape universal distributions. The papers in the present**

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in explaining grammatical  
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**over twenty languages  
which have been  
characterized as  
polysynthetic, with special  
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**features.  
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studied thoroughly,  
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