

Editorial Note

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We are pleased to present the 18th Volume of the SOAS Working Papers in Linguistics. This volume mainly features research in progress of research students and research associates of the Department of Linguistics at SOAS.

The quality and variety of papers in this volume reflects, as always, not only the work of the department, particularly in the field of theoretical linguistics, but also the diversity of linguistic research and documentation currently being carried out at SOAS within the Faculty of Languages and Cultures.

This volume features a variety of languages from Africa, Asia and South America. They include documentation and analysis of lesser-known or endangered language varieties as well as widely-used languages. Dal Corso's article provided a unified account on the morphological marking of referents in Saru Ainu. Grzech, based on her fieldwork data, looked at the topic marker =*ga* in Tena Kichwa, the property of which is different from other varieties of Quechua. Taking from another perspective in information structure, Lu examined the influence of identifiability of a given referent on the packaging of sentence structures in Mandarin Chinese. Finally, Goodchild led us to multilingual Casamance, Senegal by investigating the language repertoires in that region.

The papers included in this volume are presented in the following sections: Morphological alignment, Information structure and Multilingualism.

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