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As Diachronica has been making great strides in widening the scope of the papers published within its covers, it has become more evident than ever that it has to rely to no small extent on the expertise and help from an ever-growing community of scholars in the different areas of linguistic investigation. Indeed, without the willingness of colleagues from many parts of the world to serve as referees, the journal could not fulfill its mandate in any meaningful way.

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Note: This listing acknowledges the receipt of recent writings in the study of language, with particular attention being given to those concerned with the history and the mechanisms of language change, comparative-historical philology, and language typology. Only in exceptional instances will a separate acknowledgment of receipt be issued; no book can be returned to the publisher after it has been analyzed in this section. It should be pointed out, moreover, that by accepting a book, no promise is implied that it will be reviewed in detail in Diachronica. Reviews are printed as circumstances permit, and offprints will be sent to the publishers of the works reviewed, including those items briefly commented upon in the present section.


Ancillotti, Augusto & Romoto Cerri. 1996. Le tavole di Gubbio e la civiltà degli Umbri. Perugia: Edizioni Jana, xv, 463 pp. [In this elegant volume, A&C present first a detailed description of Umbrian civilization and daily life, based largely on archaeological data but with reference as well to relevant linguistic information, e.g., regarding the semantic spheres represented in the Umbrian lexicon. They then provide a full discussion of the Igvine Tables, complete with color plates of the tables, a transliteration of the text, a translation, a grammatical sketch, and an richly annotated vocabulary list covering all known Umbrian words. There is a glossary of linguistic concepts and terms drawn on in the work, as well as a bibliography. There is no index.]

Auer, Peter, Frans Hinskens & Klaus J. Mattheier, eds. 1996. Convergence and Divergence of Dialects in Europe. (= Sociolinguistica, 10.) Tübingen: Max Niemeyer, 225 pp. [This volume brings together a number of studies of dialect convergence and divergence in various parts of Europe. The contents are “The convergence and divergence of dialects in Europe. New and not so new developments in an old area” by Peter Auer & Frans Hinskens; “Varietätenkonvergenz: Überlegungen zu einem Baustein einer Theorie der Sprachvarietäten” by Klaus J. Mattheier; “Konvergenz und Divergenz in den polnischen Sprachvarietäten” by Jan Mazur; “Regionalism and linguistic change” by Inge Lise Pedersen; “Divergence and convergence of sociolinguistic structures in Norway and England” by Paul Kerswill; “Italianization and variations in the repertoire: The Koinai” by Alberto A. Sobrero, and
“Convergence and divergence in a standard-dialect continuum: Networks and individuals in Malagasy” by J. A. Villena-Ponsade. A book review section and a bibliography are also included. — (PWJ.)

Bex, Tony. 1996. *Variety in Written English: Texts in society: societies in text*. London & New York: Routledge, xii, 221 pp. [This work begins with a consideration of variation and the notion of “Standard English,” and then proceeds in various chapters to a brief history of English, a discussion of the role of texts in societies and the ways in which societies are reflected in the texts they create and endorse, the functions of cohesion, coherence, and register in texts, the question of genre, and finally literary texts. Of particular concern is the tension between studying the individual and studying the society. Intended as a textbook, the volume includes questions for consideration at the end of each chapter as well as suggestions for further reading. It closes with a bibliography and a somewhat sparse index.]

*Bibliographie Linguistique de l’année 1993, et compléments des années précédentes* / *Linguistic Bibliography for the Year 1993* [...]. Edited by Mark Janse & Sijmen Tol [with the assistance of a number of international contributors — see pp.v-vi, for their listing]. Dordrecht-Boston–London: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1996, lxxxiv, 1,339 pp. [The total number of pages and the coverage (22,050 entries) constitutes one of the largest annual volumes of the BL in the more than 45-year history of this most important bibliographical sourcebook in the field, representing an increase of over 50% if compared to volumes appearing recently as 1985. As in previous years, the amount of secondary sources for readers of *Diachronica* is vast, especially in the individual sections of “Indo-European languages” (pp 359-919) portion of the work, but most specifically in the “Historical and comparative linguistics” (332-336) and in part in the “Linguistic typology [...]” (336-340) sections. The section on “Pidgins and Creoles” (1158-1168) too contains contributions of importance to historical linguistics. — KK.]

Davies, Tony. 1997. *Humanism*. London & New York: Routledge, viii, 152 pp. [In this study in literary theory, D provides an introduction to the concept of "humanism," from its Classical roots through the importance placed on "Man" in the 15th century up to the present day. Of some interest to historical linguists is his early discussion (pp 1-6) of the role played by an interest in classical philology in shaping humanism in the Middle Ages, for D notes that "humanism [...] is inseparable from the question of language. 'Man', in the old definition, is the 'talking animal' [...] According to Johnson's *Dictionary*, a humanist is 'a grammarian; a philologer' (p.4).]

Dimarogonas, Andrew D., ed.-in-chief. 1997. *Synopsis: An annual index of Greek studies, 1992*. Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Publishers, 308 pp. [This work is a bibliographic survey of books, articles, monographs, dissertations, and review journals that cover all areas of Greek studies, including Greek language and Greek linguistic studies, and all chronological periods. Classical up through Modern Greek. The subject index allows one to focus on just the items for Modern Greek language and linguistics. A diskette is included with the volume that contains an electronic version of the survey (for both PCs and Macintoshs) and search software that allows the user to do electronically based searches of the material in the volume. The present volume covers just those items appearing in print in the year 1992, but future volumes covering subsequent years are planned.]

Friedman, Victor A., Masha Belyavski-Frank, Mark Pisaro & David Testen, eds. 1997. *Neka mu e vežna slavata: Studies dedicated to the memory of Zbigniew Gołąb (= Balkanistica, 10)*. Chicago: Donald L. Dyer, 435 pp. [Based on papers read at the Eighth Biennial Conference on Balkan and South Slavic Linguistics, Literature, and Folklore (9–12 April 1992) held at the University of Chicago, this volume honors the memory of one of the giants of Balkan linguistics in the latter half of this century. The contents are a short introduction by the publisher, followed by: “In memoriam: Zbigniew Gołąb” by Victor Friedman, a list of publications of Zbigniew Gołąb; “The ethnic background and internal linguistic mechanism of the so-called Balkanization of Macedonian” by Zbigniew Gołąb, “Transitivity, reduplication, and clitics in the Balkan languages” by Howard J. Aronson; “On certain Balkanisms in Albanian” by Leszek Bednarczuk; “On the use of the aorist in regional Serbo-Croatian” by Masha Belyavski-Frank; “Verbal forms with da in Slovenian complement, purpose and result clauses” by Wayne Browne, “On the prehistory of the Slavic nonindicative” by Bill J. Darden; “Serbo-Croatian distributive pro” by Stephen Dickey; “Structural marked word orders in Bulgarian and their functional classifications” by Donald L. Dyer; “The Romanian superlative indicative in historical perspective” by Mark J. Elson, “The movement for rights and freedoms and the issue of Turkish language instruction in Bulgaria” by Ali Eminov, “The discourse properties of verbal categories in Bulgarian and implications for Balkan verbal categories” by Grace E. Fielder; “A contrastive view of subordinate aspect and the opposition confirmative/non-confirmative in the Balkans with particular reference to Macedonian and Turkish” by Victor A. Friedman; “The interplay of imperative and hortative in the Balkan Slavic dialects” by Robert D. Greenberg; “Reconstruing exhortative and non-exhortative uses in the Macedonian imperative” by Jane F. Hacking; “Slavic oko ‘eye’” by Petar Z. Hamp; “The position of the Ancient Macedonian language and the modern name *Makedonska*” by Petar Hr. Ilievski; “A contribution to the study of the revival of the Aromanians of Macedonia (Based on an autographed manuscript by G. Prlićev) by Olivera Jatš-Nasteva; “Methodological issues in the history of the Balkan lexicon: The case of Greek vorérē and relatives” by Brian D. Joseph; "Silence" by Blaze Koneski; “Aspect and iterativity in Macedonian” by Christina Kramer; “Definiteness, givenness, topicality, and Bulgar object reduplication” by John R. Leagren; “Relativization in Macedonian” by Liljana Minova-Gurkova; “Paleo-Balkan elements in Macedo-Romanian” by Adrian Porucicu; “Kakvo li e li: Interrogation and focusing in Bulgarian” by Catherine Radin; “The dynamics of the Macedonian phonetic system” by Irena Sawicka, “The hypocoristica and nicknames of the Balkan Slavic languages” by Edward Stankiewicz, “The apologetic diminutive strategy in Macedonian” by Ljupco Stefanovski; “Relativization — A strategy for noun phrase complementation? (Relative clauses in the Macedonian Tarif manuscript)” by Zuzanna Topolnitska; “The etymology of the Curzon Gospel” by Cynthia Vakareliyska; “Morphological patterns of imperfective verbs in dialects of the Macedonian language” by Božidar Vidoesić; and “On Zbigniew Gołąb, the homeland of the Slavs, the Indo-Europeans, and the Veneti” by Bill J. Darden. There is no index.]
ogy and current quantitative sociolinguistics. The result is a solid and detailed study of a fascinating sociolinguistic area. The volume includes a foreword by the author, an extensive bibliography (pp.393-407), and a modest index.


Hughes, Rebecca. 1996. English in Speech and Writing: Investigating language and literature. London & New York: Routledge, xiii, 178 pp. [A textbook aimed at leading students to investigate for themselves the nature of spoken versus written English, this work explores such subjects as variation, stylistics, and discourse analysis, working from actual texts, both literary works and transcripts. Exercises are included at the end of each chapter. The volume contains an introduction, a bibliography, an index, and an appendix on "Approaching language analysis: a brief beginner's guide and glossary."

Hutchinson, Amélia P. & Janet Lloyd. 1996. Portugues: An essential grammar. London & New York: Routledge, xiii, 193 pp. [This work is divided into three parts: Part One offers a succinct and comprehensive overview of Portuguese grammar; Part Two serves as a guide to Portuguese usage in a variety of situations; and Part Three covers major differences of Brazilian Portuguese from the European variety. A foreword by the authors, a bibliography, and a subject index are also included. — (PW).]

Jayawardena-Moser, Premalatha. 1996. Aufbauwortschatz Singhalesisch–Deutsch. Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz, xvi, 229 pp. [A companion to the author's 1993 Grundwortschatz Singhalesisch–Deutsch (Harrassowitz), the present volume provides listings for over 4,700 headwords, organized by semantic sphere (time, nature, food, work, leisure, religion, etc.). Words from the 1993 volume that fit into the relevant semantic categories are listed in transcription, while the headwords here are given in the Sinhalese writing system, together with a transcription, and a definition. Each section includes also some phrases and sentences, and an appendix with practical phrases. A bibliography of sources on the language and a word-index close out the volume.]

Kattán-Ibarra, Juan & Christopher J. Pountain. Modern Spanish Grammar: A practical guide. London & New York: Routledge, xxvii, 461 pp. [This comprehensive volume is divided into two sections: Part A – Structures, a traditional reference grammar, and Part B – Functions, a guide to practical usage in a wide variety of contexts. An introduction, a glossary, a table of common irregular verbs, a bibliography, and an index are also included. — (PW).]

Kümmel, Martin. 1996. Stativ und Passivvoist im Indoarischen. (= Historische Sprachforschung; Ergänzungsheft, 39.) Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, x, 185 pp. [K provides here a study of two specialized formations within the Indo-Iranian middle voice verbal category: a stative with a 3SG ending *ay and a 3PL ending *ray, and a passive aorist with a 3SG ending *-i and a special ablaut grade. He thus collects all instances of these formations in the Rig Veda, with some forms from later Vedic where appropriate to the discussion, and in Avestan. The main part of the book consists of a root-by-root listing of these forms, with discussion and reference to relevant comparative evidence. The volume ends with a bibliography and two indices, a “Stellenindex” of Vedic and Avestan citations and a word-index.]

Lang, Margaret & Isabelle Perez. 1997. Modern French Grammar Workbook. London & New York: Routledge, ix, 82 pp. [This workbook, designed to accompany the Lang & Perez (1996) text (see Diachronica 14:1 189 (1997)), includes a wide range of basic, intermediate, and advanced exercises in French grammar and practical usage. An answer key, as well as cross-references to the textbook, an index of functions, and an index of grammar structures are included. — (PW).]

Lee, Penny. 1996. The Whorf Theory Complex: A critical reconstruction. (= Studies in the History of the Language Sciences, 81.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, xix, 323 pp. [Lee presents here a comprehensive account of the ideas of Benjamin Lee Whorf, drawing on published works, letters, and interviews with contemporaries, as well as on a little-known major collection of unpublished manuscripts housed at Yale University. Stating that Whorf has been "misread, unread, and superficially treated", Lee seeks to redress the fact that what is known about Whorf is second-hand information often limited to the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis (called the "linguistic relativity principle" by Whorf) by examining in detail Whorf's investigations into the role of language in cognition. A report written by Whorf for the Yale University Department of Anthropology formalizing the comprehensive investigative methodology Whorf called "configurational linguistics" is here published for the first time in an appendix. Also included are an introduction, a bibliography, an index of names, and an index of subjects. — (PW).]

Martínez García, Francisco Javier. 1996. Los nombres en el griego. (= Europäische Hochschulschriften; Reihe XXII: Linguistik, 166.) Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, viii, 328 pp. [In this detailed study of all nouns in Ancient Greek formed with a suffix -νς, the author has collected all attested forms of the neuter and animate ν-stem nouns. Each lemma contains citations of the relevant forms and a paradigm, a list of derivatives, detailed discussion of the morphology, and a consideration of relevant comparative evidence with good coverage of the literature. A solid bibliography and a word-index round out the volume.]

Mayrhofer, Manfred. 1996. Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Althochdeutschen. II. Band, Lieferung 20. (= Indogermanische Bibliothek II. Reihe. Wörterbücher.) Heidelberg: Carl Winter, 80, 80 pp. [The last of the series of fascicles for the second volume of M's reworking of his own earlier Kurzgefasstes Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Althochdeutschen, this one covers baks through hvai, and includes entries for such notable words as baksan-songs; *su "good," *sorya-"sun," sama- "Soma-plant, Soma-juice," *star- "star," starv-"praise," stiha-"stand," svar-"one's own," svar-"sun," svasar-"sister," han- "strike, kill," hauv- "pour out," hauv- "call (ritually)," and hrd- "heart." As with each of the previous fascicles, all the entries are those of considerable interest and provide judicious summaries of the relevant literature on each word.]

Mayrhofer, Manfred. 1997. Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Althochdeutschen. III. Band, Lieferung 21. (= Indogermanische Bibliothek II. Reihe. Wörterbücher.) Heidelberg: C. Winter, 80 pp. [The next in the series of fascicles in which M is reworking his own earlier Kurzgefasstes Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Althochdeutschen, this one is the first of the second part of the work, in which he considers the evidence of the "Jüngere Sprache", covering words attested only in Classical, Epic or later Sanskrit, after the Vedic period. The pagination restarts with this fascicle, thus spanning pages 1-80, and the items covered run
from amhāti- to kākali-. As with each of the previous fascicles, all the entries are of considerable interest and provide judicious summaries of the relevant literature on each word.

McCully, C[hrisopher] B. & J. J. Anderson, eds. 1996. English Historical Metrics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, viii, 257 pp. [This work contains articles addressing current questions in historical metrics from a variety of different perspectives. Issues from the Old English to the pre-Renaissance periods are examined. The contents are: an Introduction, "Clashing stress in the metres of Old, Middle, and Renaissance English" by Thomas Cable; "Purely metrical replacements for Kuhn's laws" by Geoffrey Russom; "Domain-end phenomena and metrical templates in Old English verse" by McCully; "Can Old English rhythm be reconstructed?" by Wolfgang Obst; "On recent theories of metrics and rhythm in Beowulf" by Robert P. Stockwell; "Nonprimary stress in early Middle English accentual-syllabic verse" by Donka Minkova; "Systematic sound symbolism in the long alliterative line in Beowulf and Sir Gawain" by Marie Boroff; "Non-adlatus patterns in Middle English alliterative long-line verse" by A.T.E. Matonis; "The prosody of Middle English Pearl and the alliterative lyric tradition" by Richard Osberg; "Alliterative patterning and the editing of Middle English poetry" by Gerrit H.V. Bunt; "Reconsidering Chaucer's prosody" by Gilbert Vousman; "Chaucer, Gower, and the history of the hendecasyllable" by Martin J. Duffell, and "Libertine scribes and maidenly editors: Meditations on textual criticism and metrics" by Hoyti N. Duggan. The volume closes with a bibliography and an index. — (PW).]


Riecke, Jörg. Die schwachen Jan-Verben des Althochdeutschen: Ein Gliederungsversuch. (= Studien zum Althochdeutschen, 32.) Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 702 pp. [Painstakingly detailed, with over 3,500 footnotes (!) and 37 pages of bibliographic references (20-57), this massive work surveys all the weak verbs of Old High German in order to describe how they developed from their Proto-Indo-European and Proto-Germanic starting points. The bulk of the book (257-530) is devoted to nominal formations, though there is a substantial section on deverbal derivatives (531-683), as well as some discussion of analogical and borrowed formations (132-200). R also treats derivatives with enlarged -jan suffixes, with a consonant preceding the -jan (201-256).]

Roberts, Ian. 1997. Comparative Syntax. London: Edward Arnold, ix, 306 pp. [In this book, R presents an introduction to the Principles & Parameters framework for syntactic analysis, with particular attention to the cross-linguistic comparative work which informs much of this theoretical approach. In successive chapters, he treats categories and constituents, case and agreement, binding, locality, and the relationship between principles/parameters and language acquisition. In this last chapter, R briefly treats the subject of language change, locating change in differences in parameter setting by children as they learn their language. The volume includes an introduction, a glossary, a bibliography, a subject index, an author index, and a language index.]

Schubring, Gert, ed. Hermann Günther Grassmann (1809-1877): Visionary mathematician, scientist and neohumanist scholar. Papers from a sesqui-centennial conference. (= Boston Stud-
son; “The shift to head-initial VP in Germanic” by Paul Kiparsky; “Null subjects, weak Agr and syntactic differences in Scandinavian” by Christer Platzack; “The argumental licensing of perfect tense” by Gertjan Postma; “Prepositions and minimalist case marking” by Johan Rooryck, and “N-feature checking in Germanic verb second configurations” by C. Jan-Wouter Zwart. The work includes a language index, a name index, and a subject index.

— (PW).]

Yoshida, Daunuke. 1996. Untersuchungen zu den Sonnengottheiten bei den Hethitern. (= Texte der Hethiter, 22.) Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag C. Winter, xviii, 391 pp. [The sun gods were among the most important in the Hittite pantheon and as a result they figured prominently in various rituals and were among the gods called on to watch over state treaties. Yoshida has collected the evidence of the textual sources from both treaties and ritual texts for the three main manifestations of sun-god-hood: the Sun Goddess from Arinna, the Sun God of the sky, and the Sun Goddess of the earth. In this work, he gives all the relevant attestations bearing on the sun gods, with translation of the passages cited. Discussion of the context for each god and of their special characteristics is included in later chapters. There are indexes for the names of all gods mentioned, for other Hittite words cited, and for all the textual citations.]

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