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Oh — yes — and how do you kill a dragon? Actually, Watkins doesn’t exactly say. As best I can make out, you bop him one. If that doesn’t work, you bop him again. With a fatal weapon.

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Berg, Thomas. 1998. Linguistic Structure and Change: An explanation from language processing. Oxford: Clarendon Press, xiv, 336 pp. [Drawing on his previous research in psycholinguistics, B undertakes a detailed critique of the notion of ‘explanation’ in generative linguistics, arguing that grammatical analysis has traditionally been disconnected from its crucial broader, especially psychological, context. He proposes to explain language structure based on extralinguistic patterns, namely processing: “The structure of language is shaped by the properties of the mechanism which puts it to use”. With this comes, in B’s view, a shift from post hoc explanation to prediction. Rather than claim a direct link between processing and language structure, B maintains that the relationship is ‘doubly indirect’. First, the effects of processing are not immediate synchronic ones, but rather emerge diachronically. Second, the effects of processing are mediated through language use. Focusing on phonology and morphology, B develops roughly equal numbers of synchronic and diachronic analyses, drawing especially from Germanic, but also Arabic and other languages. The volume contains a broad-ranging bibliography and an index.]

Bethin, Christina Y. 1998. Slavic Prosody: Language change and phonological theory. (= Cambridge Studies in Linguistics, 86.) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, xvi, 349 pp. [In this serious contribution to Slavic historical linguistics, synchronic phonological theory, and the understanding of phonological change, B sets forth a syllable-based view of a number of long-standing problems in historical phonology of various Slavic languages as well as of Slavic more generally. The author’s concern for historical issues is driven by her well-founded belief that since her objective is “to examine phenomena within the syllable and the role of the syllable within the word, it is particularly rewarding to look at how these relationships changed over time” (p.1). Consequently, in three substantial chapters (“The syllable in Slavic: form and function”, “Beyond the syllable: prominence relations”, and “Theoretical considerations”), B focuses on Late Common Slavic, exploring how it got to where it is prosodically and where it went afterwards, and covers such issues as “the development of nasal vowels, the well-known but little understood innovations in the liquid diphthongs, and the various accentual changes” (p.1), including the Neoštokavian accent retraction in Serbo-Croatian, and the fixing of stress on the antepenultimate syllable in Macedonian and the initial syllable in Czech. The book closes with a detailed (44-page!) bibliography, and a useful index. — Brian D. Joseph.]

Bister-Broosen, Helga, ed. 1998. Niederländisch am Niederrhein. (= Duisburger Arbeiten zur Sprach- und Kulturwissenschaft, 35.) Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, 171 pp. [This collection of papers comes from a 1997 conference at the University of Duisburg. It treats both historical and contemporary issues in the centuries of intimate but underexamined contact between German and Dutch along their linguistic border. The editor provides a detailed introduction reviewing and contextualizing each of the contributions, which are: “Das Niederländische in
Slavic influence on Bavarian/Czech linguistic territory, influence which later becomes stronger throughout the now-broader Yiddish-speaking territory. E draws on a broad range of evidence, both linguistic and nonlinguistic. Furthermore, in part in two ‘Exkurse’ at the end of the book, he carefully situates this work in the relevant language-context contexts, both pidgin and creole studies and work on Sprachbünde. Extensive references are provided, but there is no index.


presented selected papers from a colloquium titled "Negation: Syntax and Semantics" (Ottawa, 11–13 May 1995). The contributions are: "Foreword" by the editors, "The syntax of French negative adverbs" by Anne Abeillé & Danièle Godard; "The syntax of sentential negation in French and English" by Denis Buchard; "A non-unified analysis of negative concord" by Viviane Déprez; "Non-negative negation and wh-exclamatives" by M. Teresa Espinal; "Long-distance licensing of negative indefinites" by Anastasia Giannakidou & Josep Quer; "The syntax of n-words and the neg criterion" by Liliane Haegeman; "Negation and negative concord in Middle Dutch" by Jacob Hoeksema; "Negative polarity and the dynamics of vertical inference" by Laurence R. Horn; "Negation as a reflex of clause structure" by Aafke Hulk & Ans van Kemenade; "The scalar model of polarity sensitivity: The case of the aspectual operators" by Michael Israel; "La négation comme expression procédurale" by Jacques Mœschler; "De partitif et la négation" by Claude Muller; "Negation and indefinites in Maori" by Elizabeth Pearce; "Extending the notion of negative concord" by João Peres; "The role of focus in the licensing and interpretation of negative polarity items" by Eugene Rohrbach; "Jespersen, negative concord and A-binding" by Paul Rowlett; and "Neg-movement and wh-movement" by Daniel Valois. There is an index of authors, of terms and concepts, and of languages and language families; and each paper has its own references. — Monica Macaulay.

Goedemans, Rob. 1998. Weightless Segments: A phonetic and phonological study concerning the metrical irrelevance of syllable onsets. The Hague: Holland Academic Graphics, 259 pp. [The book treats the role of prosodic syllable structure in stress assignment, and seeks to explain cases in which this is apparently sensitive to onset weight. G phonetically investigates why the onset is weightless: production experiments show no evidence that onset duration is relatively invariant compared to other constituents; perception experiments show statistically significant variation among the just noticeable differences of onsets, nuclei, and codas. G then asks whether onsets areweightless because duration differences are inaccurately perceived, or whether the opposite is true, namely that duration differences are inaccurately perceived because onsets are weightless. The study indicates that onsets may be weightless in the brain's abstract representation of a syllable. The second half of the book is devoted to reassessments of languages which have previously been treated as using onset weight or type of onset consonant to determine stress placement. G explains Aranda rules using the diachronic process of Initial Dropping, and he explains Puluwat and Piraha stress as dependent upon prominence rather than weight. He provides in-depth analyses of Western Aranda, Alyawarra, and Mathimathi in an Optimality Theory framework, all without reference to onset weight. In each analysis, the choice and ordering of constraints are dictated largely by the history of heavy contact among neighboring aboriginal languages with different stress rules and diachronic phonological processes. The atypical stress assignment rules found in these languages are shown to be the results of these complex interactions. There are ten pages of references, three appendices containing data from the phonetic studies, and a fourth listing Australian aboriginal languages by stress type. — Meredith Hassall.]

Grønvik, Ottar. 1998. Untersuchungen zur älteren nordeutschen und germanischen Sprachgeschichte. (= Osloer Beiträge zur Germanistik, 18.) Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, 178 pp. [This collection contains four essays drawing on G's own extensive earlier research into early Germanic. The first essay argues for the importance ofRUNIC material in the chronological differentiation ofNorse phonology and morphology from roughly 500 to 800 of the Common Era. The second placesScandinavian i-umlaut into the period before 600. G proposes that the earliestNorse i-umlaut was regular except for short unstressed / following a short stressed syllable, which he integrates into a traditional epenthetic account ofumlaut, postulating untested intermediate forms like *gaistiR "guest". The third essay, making up over one half of the volume, presents a picture of the earliest breakup of the Germanic dialects, where Gothic split off earliest, then a split between North and West Germanic, but pushing the dating of all these back further than most scholars do. A fourth, much briefer essay reacts to recent interpretations of the Runic inscription on the Negau B helmet and proposes a new interpretation. The book closes with a list of references, but without indices.]

Hock, Hans Henrich, ed. 1997. Historical, Indo-European, and Lexicographical Studies: A Festschrift for Ladislav Zgusta on the occasion of his 70th birthday. (= Trends in Linguistics, 90.) Berlin & New York: Mouton de Gruyter, vi, 393 pp. [After a brief editor's Introduction (1–4) and a bibliography of Zgusta's 574 publications from 1949 to 1994 (5–45), this volume contains the following papers: "Nexus and 'extraclausality' in Vedic, or 'sa-figure' all over again: A historical (re)examination" by Hans Henrich Hock; "Some arcaisms in the Iliad" by Henry M. Hoeningswald; "The origin and evolution of primary derivative suffixes in Dravidian" by Bh. Krishnamurti; "Ex oriente nox" by W.P. Lehmann; "Indo-European religion" by Edgar C. Polomé; "Archaism and innovation in Proto-Celtic?" by Karl Horst Schmidt; "On Old Persian hypocoristics in -iya" by Rüdiger Schmitt; "Some problems of Latin adverbs" by Oswald Szemerényi; "Hittite tellipuri 'district, precinct' by Johann Tischler; "Lexical arcaisms in the Tocharian languages" by Werner Winter; "Corrections and additions to the Ossetic etymological dictionary" by V.I. Aabaev; "More on the Diccionario Griego-Español" by Francisco R. Adrados; "Uphill with Dasyopusios: On the lexicographic treatment of weak nouns in German" by Elmer H. Antonsen; "The gnosiological and diatonic aspects of language and the limitedness of G.B. Vico's theory" by Walter Belardi; "Re-constructing ideology, Part one: Animadversions of John Horne Tooke on the origins of affixes and non-designative words" by Fredric Doelezal; "Greek maullstérion and its group" by Olivier Masson; "The vocabulary of culture: A potential method of contrastive description" by Oskar Reichmann;
"The lexical Semitisms of Septuagint Greek as a reflex of the history of the Hebrew vocabulary: Implications concerning lexical diachrony and historical lexicography" by Haïm B. Rosén; and "Printed language dictionaries and their standardization: Notes on the progress toward a general theory of lexicography" by Herbert Ernst Wiegang. The volume concludes an index of authors and another of languages.

Jasanoff, Jay, H. Craig Melchert & Lisi Olivier, eds. 1998. Mír Curad: Studies in honor of Calvert Watkins. (= Imbrucker Beiträge zur Sprachwissenschaft, 92.) Innsbruck: Institut für Sprachwissenschaft, University of Innsbruck, xviii, 715 pp. [The sheer weight of this volume might be taken to exemplify the 'champion's portion' of the title. Presented to the honoree on his sixty-fifth birthday, the contributions range from a few devoted to theoretical linguistics to more on philology and traditional Indo-European research. The book contains a brief foreword, an extensive list of Watkins' publications (including forthcoming ones). The chapters are: "La mémoire du poète et l'oublie du guerrier" by Françoise Bader; "Hades and Elysion" by Robert S. P. Beekes; "Cáin Ónae: An Old Irish law text on lending" by Liam Breathnach; "Grimm's and Verner's Laws: A new perspective" by Andrea Calabrese & Morris Halle; "On khin tarhi in the Mahâbhârata" by George Cardona; "Etymologica analecta minorca" by Onofrio Carra; "On the 'tematisation' of Latin sum, volo, eo and edo and the system of endings in the IE subjunctive active" by George Dunkel; "Now you see it, now you don't: The Ukrainian phoneme j in context" by Michael Flier; "Vedisch áttihipati-, latinesch hospes" by Bernhard Fossman; "Some new observations on an old topic: náva vásáh in the Rigveda" by Benjamin W. Fortson IV; "Indogermanisch *gu en (wiederhol) schlagen, töten" by J. L. García-Ramón; "Remarks on the Old Hittite split genitive" by Andrew Garrett; "How to kill a cow in Avestan" by Jost Gippert; "Recovering Araapaeto etymologies by reconstructing forwards" by Ives Goddard; "Notes on some Luwian hieroglyphs" by Hans G. Güterbock; "Romanischer Einfluß in den 'Altdutschen Gesprächen'" by Roberto Gusmani; "Post-lexical RUKI and the tsirad-rule" by Mark Hale; "Theoretical aspects of Indo-European nominal morphology: The nominal declensions of Latin and Armenian" by Morris Halle & Bert Vaux; "Two regular milk products" by Eric P. Hamp; "Of donkeys, mules and tarkondemos" by J. D. Hawkins & A. Morpurgo Davies; "Die Entstehung des homerischen Irrealis der Vergangenheit" by Heinrich Hetrich; "Eò, òò and the accent of non-thematic neuters" by Henry M. Hoenigswald; "On the denominative verb arówe." by Harry A. Hoffner, Jr.; "mitrāvṛūṇā or mitrā vārṇa?" by Stanley Insler; "Rigvedic vśōdāh sīṁ" by Stephanie W. Jamison; "The thematic conjunctive revisited" by Jay H. Jasanoff; "How to be a dragon in Indo-European: Hittite illyankaš and its linguistic and cultural congeneres in Latin, Greek, and Germanic" by Joshua Katz; "On the origins of Hittite verbs of the type tēthi, dāt" by Sara Kimball; "Sievers' Law as prosodic optimization" by Paul Kiparsky; "Rigvedic sū/ṛyā" by Jared Klein; "Langues de feu: Grec hésiodique λεξικότες: védique ririhvās" by Charles de Lamberterie; "Explanation of syntactic changes in late Indo-European by use of universals" by Winfried Lehmann; "On the origins of the present subjunctive of the substantive verb in Old Irish" by Fredrik Otto Lindeman; "New Phrygian metrics and the δεος ἐμπλους formula" by A. Lubotsky; "What makes Slavic Slavic?" by Horace Lunt; "Complex adjectival predicates in Insular Celtic" by Proinsias Mac Cana; "The Old Irish chariot" by J. P. Mallory; "Double nasal 'presents in Celtic, and Old Irish léicid 'leaves'" by Kim McCone; "Zum Ruhm des Namens im Altirischen" by Wolfgang Meid; "Poetic meter and phrasal stress in Hittite" by H. Craig Melchert; "Is there an etymology for the dactylic hexameter?" by Gregory Nagy; "Hethitis hūrdant-verbelt, angeschlagen, erschöpf- vs. hethitis hūt(ga)rant- 'verflucht'" by Erich Neu; "Zur Trilingue vom Letoon. Der letzte Satz der lydischen Version" by Günter Neumann; "Severe problems" by Alan Nussbaum; "Semantisches zu Pan, Pūṣan und Hermes" by Norbert Oettinger; "Towards freeing a slave in Germanic law" by Lisi Olivier; "The transposition of Aeschylus, Agamemnon 1203–1204, and the uses of μῶν" by Hayden Pelliccia; "Hefaldene's honey: A bear beam in Beowulf" by Steve Peter; "Homerisches und Unhomerisches bei Homer und auf dem Nestorbecher" by Martin Peters; "Some considerations on Dutch erg, etc." by Edgar C. Polome; "Latin frvor: Help from Hittite" by Jaan Puhvel; "Schwa-rounding and the chronology of sound changes in Tocharian" by Donald Ringe; "Bemerkungen zu den lateinischen Verbf orm en des Typs faxo faxīm" by Helmut Rix; "Tradition and Innovation: Zu indoiranischen Formeln und Fügungen im Alperischen" by Rüdiger Schmitt; "Eastern Iranian epic traditions I: Siyāvās and Kunūlā" by P. O. Skjærvø; "Lateinisches Gerundium / Gerundivum und Vergleichbares" by Klaus Strunk; "Voice, poetics and Virgil's sixth Eclogue" by Richard Thomas; "Calque-Erscheinungen im Anatolischen" by Johann Tischler; "The etymology of Greek κόρες, κορές and related problems" by Brent Vine; and finally "On some problems of final syllables in South Picene" by Michael Weiss. A number of the papers contain illustrations of inscriptions. Most of the contributions conclude with bibliographies, while others contain only bibliographic footnotes. There is no index.

Kirk, Neile A. & Paul J. Sidwell, eds. 1998. Professing Koermerian Linguistics: A selection of papers and reviews presented in honour of Professor E. F. K. Koerner. Melbourne: Association for the History of Language, xiv, 148 pp. [This is the first monograph in a planned new series by two members of the team behind Dhumbadji, a still-new historical linguistics journal distinctive for its iconoclastic orientation and engaging style, just renamed The History of Language. The volume contains biographical and other notes about the honoree, E. F. Konrad Koerner. A number of previously unpublished essays cover the history of linguistics and history of language — including considerable attention to Koerner’s contributions: "Recent History: A history of the Association for the History of Language" by Nick Nicholas; "Of Dinosaurs and Mammoths: On the Linnean (international)
system of classification" by Neile A. Kirk; and "History and Historiography: Getting it right", an extended discussion of Koerner's 1995 Professing Linguistic Historiography by the same author. Numerous reviews treat the history of linguistics, historical linguistics and Basque. Some of those reviews were previously published in Dhumbadji (and one on the electronic list LINGUIST). As in the journal, the contributors revel in their disagreements with more traditionally-oriented scholars, be they generative linguists or mainstream Indo-Europeans. The result is a welcome sign of liveliness in the field.

Klein, Henny. 1998. Adverbs of Degree in Dutch and Related Languages. (= Linguistik Aktuell, 21.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, x + 232 pp. [A revised version of a doctoral dissertation, this monograph presents a detailed, corpus-based, formal semantic study of adverbs of degree, with German and English data used to supplement the focus on Netherlandic. H provides a detailed introduction of the notions of grading and degree, including in negation and absolute adjectives, and a typological overview. A second chapter treats the origins of adverbs of degree in terms of grammaticalization theory and showing how the source of such items influence restrictions on their use, syntactically, semantically and lexically. After a long chapter on semantic restrictions on the use of adverbs of degree, H presents three case studies on vrijwel and nauwelijks ("the negative side of the absolute"), bar and bijster (on polarity sensitivity) and a crosslinguistic comparison between noemenswaardig and German nennenswert. The book contains an appendix of Dutch adverbs of degree, a bibliography (including corpora used) and indices of names and subjects.]

Mair, Victor H., ed. 1998. The Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Peoples of Eastern Central Asia. 2 vols. (= Journal of Indo-European Studies Monographs, 26.) Washington, D.C.: Institute for the Study of Man, in collaboration with The University of Pennsylvania Museum Publications, xvii, 899 pp. [This volume grew from a 1996 international conference at the University of Pennsylvania Museum on the excavations in the Tarim Basin since the 1970s. In addition to twelve articles (a quarter of the work) devoted to linguistics, this collection includes a lengthy introduction, conclusion and "Postface" by the editor (865–866) and almost three dozen papers on Archeology, Migration and Nomadism, Genetics and Physical Anthropology, Metallurgy, Textiles, Geography and Climatology, History, and Mythology and Ethnology. Some of these cover topics of direct interest to comparative linguists. The linguistic contributions are: "Whose were the Tocharians? — Linguistic subgrouping and diagnostic idiosyncrasy" by Eric Hamp; "Lexical archaisms in the Tocharian languages" by Werner Winter; "Tocharian languages and pre-Buddhist culture" by Georges-Paul Pinault; "On the history and significance of some Tocharian B agricultural terms" by Douglas Adams; "Tocharian loan words in Old Chinese: Chariots, chariot gear and town building" by Alexander Lubotsky; "Compositional cladistics and the position of Tocharian" by Don Ringe, Tandy Warnow, Ann Taylor, Alexander Michailov & Libby Levison; "The horse in East Asia: Reviewing the linguistic evidence" by Juha Janhunen; "Languages of the dead" by John Colarusso; "Evidence for prehistoric links between the Caucasus and Central Asia: The case of the Burushos" by Kevin Tuite; "Qilian and Kunlun — The earliest Tokharian Loan-words in Ancient Chinese" by Lin Meicun; "A linguistic approach to Inner Asian ethnonyms" by Penglin Wang; "Three windows on the past" by William S-Y. Wang. Many of the papers go well beyond matters of Tocharian linguistics to address broader Indo-European questions as well as methodological and theoretical issues. In addition to a detailed index, the volume contains a guide to "Place, People and Site Names of the Uyghur Region" comparing original and/or common forms with Pinyin forms and Chinese characters.]

Mallory, James P. & Douglas Q. Adams. 1997. Encyclopedia of Indo-European Culture. London & Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, xlvi, 829 pp. [This hefty volume presents a detailed state-of-the-art report on an extremely broad range of topics in Indo-European culture and language. Despite the title, much of the work included is in fact linguistic in nature. Seventeen scholars contributed articles and etymologies to the project, including many entries by the editors as well as entries by Robert S.P. Beekes, Philip Baldi, Paul Friedrich, John Greppin, Carol Justus and Edgar Polomé, and others. The book includes a wide range of articles on cultural topics, including many etymological entries: almost four dozen on "Architecture and Dwellings", almost 60 on "Marriage and Kinship", close to 100 on "Archaeological Sites and Cultures", particular languages and subgroupings and a few general linguistic topics like "Reconstruction", "Subgrouping" and so on. The volume opens with long lists of abbreviations, technical terms and phonetic definitions. It is illustrated with a large number of maps, drawings, charts and contains upwards of 200 pages of indices.]

Mattheier, Klaus J., ed. 1997. Norm und Variation. (= Forum Angewandte Linguistik, 32.) Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, 201 pp. [This volume focuses on variation and norm, presented in both theoretical and empirical essays: "Norm und Variation. Einige Vorbemerkungen zum Thema" by Klaus J. Mattheier, "Position und Status der 'Norm' im Variétätengefüge des Deutschen und des Französischen. Mit Ausblicken auf weitere europäische Sprachen" by Jörn Albrecht; "Sprachnormen als 'Institutionen im Reich der Gedanken' und die Rolle des Individuums in Sprachnormierungsprozessen" by Klaus Gloy; "Variätät und Standard im Sprachkontext. Überlegungen zu einem neuen Konzept sprachlicher Standardisierung" by Ulrich Höhne; "Verwendung von Elementen des Standard-Nonstandard-Kontinuums als Ergebnis funktionaler Handlungswahl" by Beate Hemm-Memmesheimer; "Dynamik von Variantenrepertoires in Luxemburg und Gibraltar. Phonetisch-phonologische Fokussierungsprozesse" by Peter Gilles & Anja Kellermann; "Normen der Übersetzung und Normativität in der Übersetzungslehre" by Werner Kolter; "Untersuchungen der Sprechrealität — Grundlage für die Kodifizierung von Aussprachenormen" by Eva-Maria Krech; "Soziophonetische Unter-
suchungen zur Neukodifikation der deutschen Standardaussprache" by Eberhard Stock & Uwe Hollmach; "Angemessenheit und Aussprachenorm in Sprecherverzierung und Zweispracherwerb" by Beate Rues; "Was ist Aufklärung? — Für das MFS? Für die SED? Für uns? Gruppensprachliche und allgemeinsprachliche Bedeutungsnormen im Vergleich" by Christian Bergmann; "Norm und Normierung in der Technischen Dokumentation" by Markus Nickl; "Eine Sprache idiomatisch sprechen": Computer, Korpora, kommunikative Kompetenz und Kultur" by Michael Stubbs, "Ausweisung oder Aufweisung? Zur Rolle des 'Fehlers' in der modernen Fremdsprachendidaktik" Martin Stegu; and "Fehler und Korrekturen: Eine Lernperspektive" by Annalie Knapp-Pothoff. The volume also contains an index of authors and each paper has its own bibliography. — Daniela Ratti Sponseller.

Mattheier, Klaus J. & Edgar Radtke, eds. 1997. Standardisierung und Destandardisierung europäischer Nationalsprachen. (= VarioLingua, 1.) Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, x, 290 pp. [This collection of essays, with roots in a 1994 symposium at the Universities of Heidelberg and Mannheim, examines changes in linguistic norms, especially contemporary developments in a rapidly changing Europe but with two historical papers on Latin and two on standard language issues in the Americas. In addition to an introduction by Radtke, the contents are: "Über Destandardisierung, Umstandardisierung und Standardisierung in modernen europäischen Standardsprachen" by Klaus J. Mattheier; "Tendenzen bei der Kristallisierung des klassischen Lateins" by Hannah Rosén; "Zur Standardisierung der lateinischen Sprache in ihrer geschichtlichen Entwicklung" by Cristina Corradetti; "Varietà in tumulto nel repertorio linguistico italiano" by Alberto A. Sobredo; "Das Varietätspektrum des Italienischen im Wandel" by Arno Scholz; "Zur Problematik der Standardisierung territorialer Dialekte: Das schwere Erbe der spanischen Sprach-, Sozial-, und Einwanderungspolitik in Kolonialamerika" by Nelson Cartagena; "Die Real academia Española im Verhältnis zu den tertiären Dialekten des Spanischen" by Alicia González de Sarralde; "Das Beispiel Paraguay — Sprachliche Vielfalt im Rahmen einer offiziellen 'nación bilingüe'" by Arnold Thielmann; "Führt Dialektabbau zur Stärkung oder Schwächung der Standardvariante? Zwei phonologische Fallstudien" by Peter Auer; "Bemerkungen zum Verhältnis zwischen 'Dialektveränderung' und 'Standardisierung'/Destandardisierung" by Peter Gilles; "Standard und Nonstandard in den nationalen Varietäten des Deutschen" by Ulrich Ammon; "Standardisierung und Destandardisierung am Beispiel des österreichischen Wörterbuchs" by Anette Huesmann; "Was geschieht mit dem heutigen Tschechischen (Triebkräfte und Perspektiven)" by Frantisek Daneš; "Geschriebene und gesprochene Sprache im Lichte der Prager Theorie der Schriftsprache und anderer Theorien" by Michael Schröber; "Destandardisierungserscheinungen im gegenwärtigen Polnischen" by Jan Mazur; "Varien-tenstreit und Normierung im Albanischen" by Walter Breu; and finally "Sprach-standardisierung — Eine kulturanthropologische Konstante" by Harald Haarmann. Individual contributions contain references and there is no index.]

Mayrhofer, Manfred. 1998. Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Altindoarischen. III. Band. Lieferung 24 (= Indogermanische Bibliothek II. Reihe. Wörterbücher). Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag C. Winter, 80 pp. [The next in the series of fascicles in which M is reworking his own earlier Kurzgefasstes etymologisches Wörterbuch des Altindoarischen, this one is the fourth to appear, covering pp.241—320, in the second part of the overall work in which he considers the evidence of the "Jingere Sprache", covering words attested post-Vedic, thus only in Classical, Epic, or later Sanskrit. There are thus numerous loan words, proper names, onomatopoeia, hyper-Sanskritisms (hypercorrected Präkrit forms) and words for natural flora and fauna. The items in this fascicle run from tātākā- to pīr̥chā-, and include some of particular interest such as tukhāra- "Tocharian(s)", dīsara- "grey", nät- "dance", nāgar- "devanāgarī writing system", and pārī- "fart". M continues here in the fine tradition of his previous lexicographical work, inasmuch as all of the entries have considerable interest and provide judicious summaries of any relevant literature. — Brian D. Joseph.]

Polgárdi, Kristina. 1998. Vowel Harmony: An account in terms of government and optimality (= LOT International Series, 3.) The Hague: Holland Academic Graphics, 198 pp. [This dissertation looks at the typology of vowel harmony, focusing in particular on disharmonic roots and suffixes and on the issue of so-called neutral vowels in languages such as Finnish, Turkish and Hungarian. P first develops an interesting, if unique, framework that combines Government Phonology (GP) with Optimality Theory (OT) as well as elements from Lexical Phonology. Part I lays out the specifics of this new theory where privative (unary) features called "elements" in GP are operated on by OT-style constraints that is monotonic (i.e. non-feature changing). P thus abandons the principles and parameter approach of GP in favor of ranking of constraints, which she claims "is superior to a purely parametric approach" (p.17). The second half concentrates on theoretical issues in vowel harmony, where P comes to the conclusion that a non-derivational version of the Strict Cycle Condition is necessary in order to handle disharmonicity. There is a good bibliography, but the lack of an index is regrettable. Summaries of the work are given in English, Dutch and Hungarian. — Paul D. Housman.]

Rash, Felicity. 1998. The German Language in Switzerland: Multilingualism, diglossia and variation. (= German Linguistics and Cultural Studies, 3.) Berne: Peter Lang, 321 pp. [Recognizing the lack of full-length, English-language discussions of the Swiss language situation, R makes it her goal to fill this lacuna for "scholars of German and sociolinguists". The scope of the work is immense, yet does not intend to be exhaustive. R instead offers an introduction to the topic, synthesizes the extant scholarly work on it, and provides suggestions for further research on Swiss multilingualism, diglossia and variation. R opens the work with a historical
on Romance motion auxiliaries (Chap.5). To effect this analysis he includes synchronous and diachronic comparisons of these types of structures in several Romance languages including Spanish (European and American), French, Italian, Portuguese, Occitan, Catalan, Sardinian, Sicilian, Asturian and Galician. The volume ends with a list of sources of material from Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, a 26-page bibliography and an index. — Ken Johnson.


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