

FOREWORD

This is the tenth volume of the *La Trobe University Papers in Linguistics*. The series provides staff and students in linguistics and associated disciplines at La Trobe an opportunity to present their current work.

Linguistics has been taught at La Trobe University for a number of years. A Division attached to the Department of Philosophy was formalised in 1979, with a full-time Head appointed in 1981. Linguistics became a full Department within the School of Humanities in 1988, and a School within the restructured Faculty of Humanities in 1994. It is now a Department of the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics.

Research interests currently emphasised are phonology, syntax, semantics, language typology, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, historical linguistics, applied linguistics, lexicography, discourse analysis, Australian Aboriginal languages, Papuan languages, African languages, South-East Asian languages and Germanic languages.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative-historical linguistics, Australian Aboriginal languages

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Phonetics, phonology, historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, Asian languages

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Syntax, historical linguistics, Germanic languages, language contact, typology, euphemism & dysphemism

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Syntax & semantics, Sinitic languages, language universals & typology, discourse analysis

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Language acquisition, bilingualism, semantics, interpreting and translation

Student Research Topics 1999

- EMIL ABDEL-AMAK *Prescribed sentence structure in Arabic*
NANCY BERNARD *Grammar and the English curriculum*
EMLYN COLLINS *Deciphering Mediterranean scripts*
ALEC COUPE *Ao*
AMELIA ELLIOTT *Melbourne Serbian*
MATTHIAS GERNER *Grammar issues in Yi dialects*
ABDEL-HAKEEM KASEM *Language shift and language loss in Arabic*
SUE ANNETTE HARRISON *Towards predicting ethnolinguistic vitality*
DAVIDSON LOTULUNG *Manado Malay*
SANDRA MASEL *Women's health and language*
UMAR MUSLIM *Indonesian applicative constructions*
TUOI HUU NGUYEN *Vietnamese alphabet*
CLODAGH NORWOOD *Karo Batak grammar*
MARY JO O'ROURKE *Syntactic theory and Newari ergativity*
THERESA SAVAGE *Revival of indigenous language in Japan and Australia*
MINK SCHAPPER *Language of an organisation : a sociolinguistic study*
CLAUDIA SLEGGERS *Communication with the deaf*
AHMAD SOFWAN *Javanese syntax*
SUDARSONO *Bakatik Dayak language*
LYDIA TANAKA *Politeness in Japanese language*
CATHERINE TRAVIS *Discourse markers in Colombian Spanish*
DE-FEN YU *Lisu*
ERMA VASSILIOU *Word order in medieval Cypriot*