

**Création d'une Collection « *Language Contact and Dynamics of Language* » aux Éditions Brill**

**Creation of a Book Series « *Language Contact and Dynamics of Language* », published by Brill.**

Dear all,

I'm happy to inform you of the on-going creation of a new peer-reviewed book series intitled '*Language Contact and Dynamics of Language*', published by **Brill**.

This Collection will allow the expansion of the theme of *Journal of Language Contact*, and also, it will accept works that introduce a critical thinking about the general problem of contact between languages.

See presentation below. For proposals and additional information, please contact the Series Editor.

Best wishes,

Robert Nicolai

Cher tous,

J'ai le plaisir de vous faire part de la création en cours, aux Éditions Brill, d'une nouvelle collection d'ouvrages (*peer-reviewed book series*) dans les domaines du contact des langues et la dynamique du langage. Elle est intitulée – sans surprise ! – « *Language Contact and Dynamics of Language* ».

Cette Collection permettra l'élargissement de la thématique de la revue *Journal of Language Contact*, et elle se propose aussi d'accepter des travaux qui visent à introduire une réflexion critique par rapport à la problématique générale du contact des langues. Son *parti pris* de croisements disciplinaires et son intérêt pour la réflexion sur nos saisies théoriques, fermement adossés à l'étude empirique, pourraient intéresser certains.

Vous en trouverez la présentation ci-dessous.

En ce qui concerne vos propositions et les renseignements complémentaires, vous trouverez les informations utiles auprès du directeur de la collection (*Series Editor*).

Bien à vous

Robert Nicolai

### **Scope of the series ‘*Language Contact and Dynamics of Language*’:**

This new peer-reviewed book series focuses on the study of language contact, language use and language change in accordance with a view of language contact whereby both empirical data (the precise description of languages and how they are used) and the resulting theoretical elaborations (hence the statement and analysis of new problems) become the primary engines for advancing our understanding of the nature of language and the dynamics of language change. This involves linguistic, anthropological, sociological, historical, and cognitive factors, but also a potentially critical approach to the methods used for the study of the phenomena. Such an approach makes a major new contribution to the understanding of language change and the dynamics of language at a time when there is a notable increase in interest and activity in this field and where a continual reshaping of theoretical approaches is apparent. This implies particular attention to the epistemological frameworks that reshape the requirements for knowledge in this field. The series will publish monographs as well as edited volumes and conference proceedings centered around a coherent theme.

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#### ***Series description :***

- . The Series will primarily comprise single topic monographs and edited volumes of previously unpublished material. Other types of work may also be accepted for publication in the Series if agreed upon by both the Series Editor and the Publisher.
- . Typescripts for Volumes in the Series shall yield minimally approximately 250 printed pages or comprising approximately 85,000 words and/or space in diagrams, formulae, tables, and/or black and white illustrations.

**FYI. Forthcoming (2014) :**

***Limits of contact, contact at its limits. Questioning language contact as ‘phenomenon’, ‘concept’ and ‘construction’.***

***Topic :***

The *study of language contact* has become a popular topic in present linguistic research and is thus considered today as a worthwhile scientific interest. But how to continue for those who have been studying this topic for long and how to avoid the negative consequences of mainstreamed research? The purpose here shall be to critically review the development of this issue at distance by focusing on the following points:

1. ***What can we learn in general from the study of language contact*** for our knowledge of languages, their dynamics and their functions (systemic elaborations, language practices, semiotic developments)?
2. ***How should linguistic theory incorporate*** the empirical findings of language contact studies and the underlying postulates of existing models be altered (in our analysis’s choices and epistemic frameworks),
3. ***Is the metaphorical concept of “contact”*** including all its potential readings and extensions sustainable and operational (in the same way as ‘border’, ‘frontier’, ‘disruption, ‘divide’ ...),
4. ***Which role does language contact play or has it played*** for the history of linguistic research and academic life, in which way has this idea been influential to individual researches and their approaches.

**Provisional Summary (in alphabetical order).**

***Introduction.***

**Part 1. *"Limits of contact, contact at its limits. Questioning language contact as ‘concept’.***

Backus, Ad : *Towards a usage-based account of language change: implications of contact linguistics for linguistic theory*

Gadet, Françoise & Hambye, Philippe : *Des parlers aux formes et aux noms multiples. Comment et pourquoi nommer le contact de langues dans les parlers jeunes ?*

Glaudert, Nathalie : *Contact Languages: When Language Evolution Conspires With Communication Accommodation*

Godenzzi, Juan Carlos : *Du contact de langues à la connectivité écolinguistique*

Jablonka, Frank : *Contacts de langues sans limites*

Lüdi, Georges : *Le "parler plurilingue" comme lieu d'émergence de variétés de contact*

Nicolai, Robert : *Dérives autour de la notion de ‘contact’, référée aux langues et à leurs dynamiques*

Tabouret-Keller, Andrée : *Limites matérielles et immatérielles des langues (titre provisoire)*

Ansaldo, Umberto & L. Lim : *Constructing Creole identities: Exceptionalism, endangerment and the Malays of Sri Lanka*

**Part 2. *Limits of contact, contact at its limits. Questioning language contact as ‘phenomenon’.***

Danylenko, Andriy : *Complexification, Simplification and Language Contact*

Gonçalves, Kellie : *The limitations of language contact within a multilingual cleaning company and diasporic community*

Hennecke, Inga : *Impacts of language contact on the bilingual brain*

Janjić, Marijana : *Language contact as the space for rethinking the language – Indian case*

Larsson, Ida & Johannessen, Bondi Janne : *The (non-)effect of contact on word order in Heritage Scandinavian*

Sewell, Alyson & Salmons, Joseph : *Toward the limits of contact: Patterns on the left edge*

Skaffari, Janne & Mäkilähde, Alekski : *Code-switching in historical materials: research at the limits of contact linguistics*

Speranza, Adriana & Martinez Angelita : *Linguistic variation, cognitive processes and the influence of contact*

***Conclusion.***