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## OUVRAGES REÇUS AU LABORATOIRE

**Morresi, Ruggero**, *Linguaggio, topica e retorica: Saggi di linguistica speculativa*, Macerata, EUM, 2007, coll.: scienze della comunicazione, 299 p., ISBN 978-88-6056-081-0, prix: 17.90 euros.

Lo scopo del volume è di riattualizzare gli strumenti topici e retorici nello studio del linguaggio. Si esprime così, sul piano del metodo, il senso dell'unità linguistico-speculativa che caratterizza lo sviluppo del volume medesimo e tiene a distinguersi dalla speculazione metafisica, dalle filosofie del linguaggio che si ispirano alla metodologia delle scienze positive moderne e dalla linguistica generale intesa come scienza a sé stante, senza legami significativi con il pensiero filosofico. In effetti, nello sviluppo del libro, filosofia e linguistica si riflettono sovente l'una nell'altra per quanto attiene sia ai testi degli autori studiati (Aristotele, Kant, Saussure, Benveniste, Hegel, Perelman, E. Weil) sia al punto di vista dell'autore che legge i testi prescelti configurandone la comprensione metalinguistica o facendo capo alle risorse del linguaggio retorico e neoretorico. Ma l'analisi linguistico-speculativa si esercita anche su altri fronti, con la trattazione di autori e personaggi noti, come Descartes e Cristina di Svezia, d'Annunzio con il suo linguaggio teatrale, o di autori conosciuti dai soli specialisti, come Giuseppe Colucci e Romolo Murri. Ne consegue l'ampliamento della prospettiva del libro verso esperienze intellettuali che ne corredano la portata teorica e storica.

**Orlandi, Eni P. & Eduardo Guimarães, eds.**, *Un dialogue atlantique: production des sciences du langage au Brésil*, Lyon, ENS éditions, 2007, coll.: Langages, 139 p., ISBN 978-2847881189, prix: 23 euros.

A travers six études parcourant la production des travaux linguistiques au Brésil à partir de la seconde moitié du XXe siècle, cet ouvrage présente, par des trajets différents et complémentaires, les points décisifs dans la recherche sur le langage à partir du moment où la pensée brésilienne, prenant pour objet la production de connaissances sur le portugais, va établir un contact direct avec l'Europe, sans passer par le Portugal. Cet ouvrage fixe le cadre de la constitution de cette discipline: il étudie le développement de l'analyse du discours des deux côtés de l'Atlantique, les processus d'institutionnalisation de la langue nationale et le rôle normatif de ceux-ci aux côtés d'outils linguistiques comme les dictionnaires et les grammaires. Il fait ainsi le point sur l'histoire des sciences du langage au Brésil et constitue un dialogue intellectuel fécond entre la pensée brésilienne et la pensée européenne.

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### Ouvrages

**Bally, Charles**, *Sur la stylistique: articles et conférences*, édité, présenté, annoté et commenté par Étienne Karabétian, Paris, Eurédit, 2007, 388 p., ISBN 2-84830-089-2, prix: 78 euros.

**Bres, Jacques, Marc Arabyan, Thierry Ponchon, Laurence Rosier, Renée Tremblay & Pierrette Vachon-L'heureux, eds.**, *Psychomécanique du langage et linguistiques cognitives: actes du XIe Colloque international de l'AIPL, Montpellier, France, les 8, 9 et 10 juin 2006*, Limoges, Lambert-Lucas, 2007, 404 p., ISBN 978-2-915806-44-1, prix: 36 euros.

Colloque international de psychomécanique du langage, 2006, Montpellier - Les contributeurs ont été invités à s'intéresser particulièrement – mais non exclusivement – à la dimension cognitive de la psychomécanique du langage, en relation avec le

thème du colloque: "Le fait que la théorie se définisse comme 'psycho-systématique' ou 'psychomécanique du langage' indique assez que son objet est de mettre à jour les 'opérations de pensée' par lesquelles les sujets parlants construisent du sens, convertissant les unités de puissance en unités d'effet, la représentation en expression. Dans la vue psychosystématique, la langue n'est pas seulement, comme dans la définition qu'en donne Saussure, un objet social: elle est présente en chaque sujet parlant. Celui-ci est donc conçu en tant que constructeur de discours et aussi en tant que constructeur de langue. A partir de là, la psychomécanique du langage propose un système dynamique de représentation des opérations cognitives impliquées dans le passage de la langue au discours. Ce système permet aussi de rendre compte, de manière souple et non dichotomique, de l'articulation entre praxéogénie et glossogénie, entre synchronie et diachronie." La psychomécanique est-elle une linguistique pré-cognitive? Est-elle la première linguistique cognitive? Comment évaluer sa démarche comme ses propositions à l'heure où les linguistiques cognitives forment, dans le champ des sciences du langage, un ensemble important et en plein développement?

Contributions de Catherine Fuchs (CNRS), Walter Hirtle (Université Laval), Marc Wilmet (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Francis Tollis (Pau), Mathieu Valette (Nancy), Dennis Philips (Toulouse), Renée Tremblay (Québec), Maurice Toussaint (Paris), Didier Bottineau (Paris X), André Jacob, Pierrette Vachon-L'Heureux (Québec), Guy Cornillac (Chambéry), Pierre Blanchaud (Aachen), Annette Vassant, Marie-Anne Paveau (Paris XIII) et Laurence Rosier (Université libre de Bruxelles), Marie-Luce Honeste (Saint-Etienne), Alvaro Rochetti (Paris III), Giancarlo Gerlini (Lille III), Louis Begioni (Lille III), Olivier Duplâtre (Paris IV), John Hewson (Memorial University of Newfoundland), Jacques Bres et Audrey Lauze (Praxiling, Montpellier III), Adeline Patard (Montpellier III), Anne-Rosine Delbart (Université libre de Bruxelles), Daouia Hanachi (Constantine) et Teddy Arnavielle (Montpellier III), Hugues de Chanay et Sylvianne Rémi-Giraud (Lyon II), Dan Van Raemdonck (Université libre de Bruxelles), Patrick J. Duffley (Université Laval), Bérinda Lavieu (Nanterre), Claude Guimier (Caen), Sophie Sarrazin (Montpellier III), Anne-Michèle Gratton (Montpellier III), Walter Hirtle (Université Laval), Moshé Tabachnik (Tel Aviv), Jeanne-Marie Barbéris (Montpellier III), Laurence Bougault (Rennes II).

**Chiss, Jean-Louis, Jacques Filliolet & Dominique Maingueneau, *Introduction à la linguistique française: Tome 1, notions fondamentales, phonétique, lexicque*, Paris, Hachette supérieur, 2007, coll.: Les fondamentaux: lettres; 141, 160 p., ISBN 9782011457233, prix: 11.90 euros.**

Mise à jour 2007 - Cette introduction à la linguistique privilégie les questions propres au français. Sont expliqués les principaux concepts, ceux de Saussure puis les perspectives des multiples écoles. Suit une description phonétique et phonologique. Après avoir exposé les principes de la lexicologie, les auteurs ont aussi souhaité redonner à la lexicographie une place de choix. SOMMAIRE - 1ère partie: Notions fondamentales; 2ème partie: Phonétique et phonologie; 3ème partie: Problèmes du lexicque - PUBLIC: Etudiants de 1er cycle.

**Chomsky, Noam, *The essential Chomsky*, edited by Anthony Arnone, New York, New Press, 2007, 496 p., ISBN 9781595581891 (pbk.), prix: 16.95 euros.**

For the past forty years Noam Chomsky's writings on politics and language have established him as a preeminent public intellectual and as one of the most original and wide-ranging political and social critics of our time. Among the seminal figures in linguistic theory over the past century, since the 1960s Chomsky has also secured a place as perhaps the leading dissident voice in the United States. Chomsky's many bestselling works—including *Manufacturing Consent*, *Hegemony or Survival*, *Understanding Power*, and *Failed States*—have served as essential touchstones for dissidents, activists, scholars, and concerned citizens on subjects ranging from the media to human rights to intellectual freedom. In particular, Chomsky's scathing critiques of the U.S. wars in Vietnam, Central America, and the Middle East have furnished a widely accepted intellectual inspiration for antiwar movements over nearly four decades. *The Essential Chomsky* assembles the core of his most important writings, including excerpts from his most influential texts over the past forty years. Here is an unprecedented, comprehensive overview of Chomsky's thought.

**Delais-Roussarie, Elisabeth & Laurence Labrune, *Des sons et des sens: données et modèles en phonologie et en morphologie*, Paris, Hermès Science, Lavoisier, 2007, coll.: langues et syntaxe, 314 p., ISBN 978-2-7462-1694-5, prix: 75 euros.**

Des sons et des sens présente les avancées actuelles en phonologie, en morphologie et en morphophonologie. Cet ouvrage répond à un double objectif: exposer en langue française les cadres théoriques actuels afin de faciliter l'accès à des travaux parfois peu connus en France, en proposer des illustrations à travers une série d'études portant sur des phénomènes particuliers tirés de langues diverses: français et autres langues romanes, russe, arabe ou japonais. Le renouveau des travaux dans ces domaines s'explique pour deux raisons essentielles qui sont clairement illustrées dans ce livre: l'émergence de paradigmes théoriques orientés vers la surface, comme la Théorie de l'Optimalité, la réévaluation du rôle des données qui conduit à proposer des analyses s'appuyant sur une réelle prise en compte de données authentiques, et témoignant d'une volonté explicite et revendiquée de décrire l'observable.

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Remarques sur les bases de la conjugaison -O. Bonami, G. Boyé. Fidélité output-output en phonologie: les réseaux italiens -L. Burzio. Les yods des terminaisons -ions et -iez de l'imparfait de l'indicatif et du présent du subjonctif des verbes français -Y.- Ch. Morin. Pêcheurs sous la glace -F. Kerleroux. Un jeu à contraintes multiples: l'adaptation des emprunts du français aux langues romanes -M. Roché. Morphophonologie des emprunts abrégés en japonais: aspects prosodiques et mélodiques -L. Labrune. Hypocoristiques et minimalité en russe -F. Montermini. Un jeu de langage oriental: la langue des oiseaux -J.-M. TARRIER. Phénomènes de réduction en italien -A.-M. Thornton. Mot, vers et domaine de syllabation dans la chanson chleuhe -F. Dell, M. Elmedlaoui. Bibliographie. Index.

**Good, Jeff**, *Linguistic universals and language change*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2008, 360 p., ISBN 9780199228997, prix: 24.99 £.

This book looks at the relationship between linguistic universals and language change. Reflecting the resurgence of work in both fields over the last two decades, it addresses two related issues of central importance in linguistics: the balance between synchronic and diachronic factors in accounting for universals of linguistic structure, and the means of distinguishing genuine aspects of a universal human cognitive capacity for language from regularities that may be traced to extraneous origins.

The volume brings together specially commissioned work by leading scholars, including prominent representatives of generative and functional linguistics. It examines rival explanations for linguistic universals and assesses the effectiveness of competing models of language change. The authors investigate patterns and processes of grammatical and lexical change across a wide range of languages; they consider the degree to which common characteristics condition processes of change in related languages; and examine how far differences in linguistic outcomes may be explained by cultural or external factors. This book will interest the wide range of scholars in linguistics and related fields concerned with language change, historical linguistics, linguistic typology and universals, and the nature of the human language faculty

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**Isac, Daniela & Charles Reiss**, *I-language: an introduction to linguistics as cognitive science*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2008, coll.: Core linguists, 336 p., ISBN 9780199534203 (pbk.).

I-Language introduces the uninitiated to linguistics as cognitive science. In an engaging, down-to-earth style Daniela Isac and Charles Reiss give a crystal-clear demonstration of the application of the scientific method in linguistic theory. Their presentation of the research programme inspired and led by Noam Chomsky shows how the focus of theory and research in linguistics shifted from treating language as a disembodied, human-external entity to cognitive biolinguistics - the study of language as a human cognitive system embedded within the mind/brain of each individual. The recurring theme of equivalence classes in linguistic computation ties together the presentation of material from phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. The same theme is used to help students understand the place of linguistics in the broader context of the cognitive sciences, by drawing on examples from vision, audition, and even animal cognition.

This textbook is unique in its integration of empirical issues of linguistic analysis, engagement with philosophical questions that arise in the study of language, and treatment of the history of the field. Topics ranging from allophony to reduplication, ergativity, and negative polarity are invoked to show the implications of findings in cognitive biolinguistics for philosophical issues like reference, the mind-body problem, and nature-nurture debates.

This textbook contains numerous exercises and guides for further reading as well as ideas for student projects. A companion website with guidance for instructors and answers to the exercises features a series of pdf slide presentations to accompany the teaching of each topic.

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**Koeva, Svetla, Denis Maurel & Max Silberstein, eds.,** *Formaliser les langues avec l'ordinateur: De Intex à Nooj*, Besançon, Presses de l'Université de Franche-Comté, 2007, coll.: Les Cahiers de la MSH Ledoux, 442 p., ISBN 978-2-84867-189-5, Prix: 25 €

INTEX et NooJ sont des environnements de développement linguistique utilisés comme outils de formalisation des langues naturelles, comme outils d'analyse de corpus, et aussi comme outils de développement d'applications de Traitement Automatique des Langues Naturelles (TALN).

Depuis 1993, s'est développée une véritable communauté d'utilisateurs qui partagent les mêmes préoccupations scientifiques et techniques, suivent une même méthodologie, et mettent en commun leurs outils et ressources linguistiques. A ce jour, une quinzaine de langues disposent de modules INTEX et NooJ, et plusieurs sites Internet, ainsi qu'un forum électronique, fédèrent cette communauté. Les thématiques qui se dégagent de ce numéro portent sur (1) la constitution de ressources linguistiques, (2) l'utilisation de corpus techniques, scientifiques ou journalistiques pour analyser et caractériser leur vocabulaire ou en extraire des noms propres, et (3) l'analyse syntaxique, avec une étude sur la levée d'ambiguïtés, l'implémentation d'un analyseur syntaxique du hongrois et la classification syntaxique des phrases d'un texte littéraire. (4) Le numéro conclut enfin avec une discussion sur trois applications de TALN « non NooJ » mais qui présentent un intérêt critique pour l'analyse automatique, et proposent de nouvelles voies d'exploration en Linguistique: un logiciel d'analyse de corpus, le WEB sémantique et la traduction automatique.

**Kirchhoff, Raina,** *Die Syncategoremata des Wilhelm von Sherwood: Kommentierung und historische Einordnung*, Leiden, Brill, 2008, coll.: Studien und Texte zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters, 98, ISBN 978 90 04 16633 2, prix: 160 euros.

In modern linguistics one usually differentiates between content words and function words. But most people do not know that this differentiation does not have its root in modern times. And also it cannot be found in antiquity in this form. In fact it is one of the products of an epoch, whose merits in the field of logic have begun to be appreciated only in recent times: the Middle Ages. The tendency to determine certain words by their function in a sentence and by their operator role began around the middle of the 12th century. Its most fertile form was achieved in the tracts on syncategorematic words, which flourished in the 13th century. This book is mainly a commentary of such a treatise, of the Syncategoremata of the English logician William of Sherwood. Furthermore it gives a survey of the history of the study of syncategorematic words.

**Lafaye, Pierre-Benjamin (1808-1867),** *Introduction sur la théorie des synonymes*, texte présenté, établi et annoté par Annalisa Aruta Stampacchia., Fasano, Paris, Schena, Lanore, 2006, coll.: Biblioteca della ricerca. Linguistica; 22, 264 p., ISBN 978-2-85157-307-0, 2-85157-307-1 (Lanore), prix: 22 euros.

Le Dictionnaire des synonymes de la langue française de Pierre-Benjamin Lafaye, publié en 1858 (seconde forme perfectionnée et plus complète des Synonymes français publiés en 1841), marque un point d'arrivée dans les études sur la synonymie

**Le Courtois, Hélène,** *Les métiers des langues*, Paris, L'Étudiant, 2007, coll.: Les guides de "L'Étudiant". Métiers & formations, 252 p., ISBN 978-2-84624-781-8, prix: 11.60 euros.

**Otero, Carlos,** *Noam Chomsky: Live Theory*, London, Continuum, 2008, 144 p., ISBN 9780826463586, prix: 12.99 £.

This book offers students a concise and accessible introduction to Chomsky's key works and ideas, covering the important and ongoing contributions to contemporary thought and action, from this inspiring figure.

Noam Chomsky: Live Theory is an invaluable introduction to the work of this key contemporary thinker and path-breaking scientist, guiding the student through the complex ideas of one of the most influential theorists and activists of the twentieth century. Concise, accessible and comprehensive, this book explores Chomsky's important and ongoing contributions to biolinguistics, philosophy, social theory and analysis of contemporary issues. It sheds light on the central themes of Chomsky's work, and brings out the extent of his impact on contemporary thought and action. Otero locates Chomsky in the context of contemporary intellectual culture, considering his unremitting critique of the domestic and foreign policy of the United States in relation to issues of capitalism and class, culture and institutions, power and authority, themes central to his work. The book includes a new interview with Chomsky himself in which he discusses, among other things, his social, political and intellectual background and some predecessors who had an impact on him. A clear and stimulating account of the thought and work of this inspiring figure, Noam Chomsky: Live Theory is a key resource for anyone studying this pioneering and towering thinker within the context of linguistics, philosophy and social theory.

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**Quitout, Michel**, *Paysage linguistique et enseignement des langages au Maghreb des origines à nos jours: l'amazighe, l'arabe et le français au Maroc, en Algérie, en Tunisie et en Libye*, Paris, l'Harmattan, 2007, 174 p., ISBN 978-2-296-03710-6, prix: 17.50 euros.

Cet ouvrage est une entreprise ambitieuse dans l'espace - elle concerne le grand Maghreb incluant la Libye - et dans le temps car elle s'étend des origines à nos jours. La question de l'arabisation est abordée à de multiples reprises à propos des divers pays, spécialement de la Tunisie, de l'Algérie et du Maroc. L'auteur admet la nécessité, pour les régimes parvenus à l'indépendance, de rétablir la langue arabe dite classique dans un paysage linguistique maghrébin dont la colonisation l'avait expulsée.

**Roling, Bernd**, *Locutio angelica: Die Diskussion der Engelsprache als Antizipation einer Sprechakttheorie in Mittelalter und Früher Neuzeit*, Leiden, Brill, 2008, 768 p., ISBN 978 90 04 16553 3, prix: 165 euros.

The question of how pure spiritual beings like angels communicate had already been discussed by the Church Fathers. How could an angelic speech-act take place, if it does not follow the laws of ordinary language? The scholastic philosophers conducted an extensive and rather controversial debate about the language of angels ('locutio angelica'), which covered pragmatics, aspects of the 'Language of Mind' and the theory of truth and meaning. This debate was already very complex in the Middle Ages, but in Jesuit circles (and in Baroque Scholasticism more generally), discussions of angelic communication became a leading field of interest in the philosophy of language influencing such eminent thinkers as Leibniz. This study reconstructs the 1500 years of controversy on the language of angels as a striking example of the longue durée of European intellectual history.

**Sanchez-Mazas, Alicia, ed.**, *Past human migrations in East Asia: matching archaeology, linguistics and genetics*, Milton Park, Abingdon; New York, Oxon; Routledge, 2008, coll.: Routledge studies in the early history of Asia series 5, ISBN 9780415399234 (hardback alk. paper), 9780203926789 (ebook), prix: 95 £.

The study of the prehistory of East Asia is developing very rapidly. In uncovering the story of the flows of human migration that constituted the peopling of East Asia there exists widespread debate about the nature of evidence and the tools for correlating results from different disciplines.

Drawing upon the latest evidence in genetics, linguistics and archaeology, this exciting new book examines the history of the peopling of East Asia, and investigates the ways in which we can detect migration, and its different markers in these fields of inquiry. Results from different academic disciplines are compared and reinterpreted in the light of evidence from others to attempt to try and generate consensus on methodology. Taking a broad geographical focus, the book also draws attention to the roles of minority peoples – hitherto underplayed in accounts of the region's prehistory – such as the Austronesian, Tai-Kadai and Altaic speakers, whose contribution to the regional culture is now becoming accepted.

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**Simpson, Andrew, ed.,** *Language and National Identity in Asia*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2007, 476 p., ISBN 978-0-19-922648-1, prix: 27.50 £.

*Language and National Identity in Asia* is a comprehensive introduction to the role of language in the construction and development of nations and national identities in Asia.

Leading scholars from all over the world investigate the role languages have played and now play in the formation of the national and social identity in countries throughout South, East, and Southeast Asia. They consider the relation of the regions' languages to national, ethnic, and cultural identity, and examine the status of and interactions between majority, official, and minority languages.

Illustrated with maps and accessibly written this book will interest all those concerned to understand the dynamics of social change in some of the most important countries in the world. It will appeal to all those studying, researching, or teaching issues in Asian society, language, and politics from a comparative perspective.

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**Simpson, Andrew, ed.,** *Language and national identity in Africa*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2008, 384 p., ISBN 9780199286751, prix: 25.99 £.

This book focuses on language, culture, and national identity in Africa. Leading specialists examine countries in every part of the continent - Egypt, Morocco, Sudan, Senegal, Mali, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon, Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, and the nations of the Horn, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, and Somalia. Each chapter describes

and examines the country's linguistic and political history and the relation of its languages to national, ethnic, and cultural identities, and assesses the relative status of majority and minority languages and the role of language in ethnic conflict. Of the book's authors, fifteen are from Africa and seven from Europe and the USA. Jargon-free, fully referenced, and illustrated with seventeen maps, this book will be of value to a wide range of readers in linguistics, politics, history, sociology, and anthropology. It will interest everyone wishing to understand the dynamic interactions between language and politics in Africa, in the past and now.

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