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Special Issue of the journal *Linguistic Analysis: Formal syntax, semantics, and morphology of South Asian languages*

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The journal Linguistic Analysis invites contributions for a special issue focusing on the latest research in the formal syntax, semantics, and morphology of South Asian languages. The goal of the special issue is to collect and disseminate cutting edge research that brings data from South Asian languages to bear on questions broadly relevant to linguistic theory.

Languages of South Asia, including those in the Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Austroasiatic and Tibeto-Burman families, have a deep history of significant contributions to the study of language as a whole. Indeed, Panini’s grammar of Sanskrit (ca 500BC) was remarkably influential in the development of the formal approaches to language structure in modern linguistics. South Asian languages feature a range of important empirical phenomena that are widely relevant to syntactic and semantic theory such as ergativity (e.g. Pandharipande and Kachru 1977; Comrie 1984; Sakse na 1985; Hook 1985; Mahajan 1990), verb finality and complex predication structures (e.g. Hook 1974; Bashir 1989; Mohanan 1994; Butt 1995), non-nominative subjects (e.g. Jayaseelan 1999, 2004; Amritavalli and Jayaseelan 2003; Amritavalli 2004; Davison 2004a, b), and scrambling (e.g. Gambhir 1981; Mahajan 1990; Dayal 1994; Kidwai 2000). More recently, linguists working on languages of South Asia have made contributions to the analysis of wh-movement and the spectrum of wh-in-situ constructions (Dayal 1996, 2000; Fanselow and Mahajan 2000; Simpson and Bhattacharya 2003), causation and valency (Beavers and Zubair 2013), mechanisms driving case assignment and agreement processes (Butt and King 2004; Bhatt 2005; Subbarao 2012), and finiteness (see contributions to Sundaresan, Ramchand, and McFadden 2014). Scholars in the field anticipate that investigations into the many lesser-studied languages of the region have the opportunity to be influential in formal linguistic theory.

For this special issue, we welcome original full-length article submissions couched in any current framework and/or engaged with the interfaces of various components of the grammar, as well as analyses featuring comparative work with non-South Asian languages. Submitted articles will undergo rigorous peer review.

**Submission Guidelines:**
Abstracts no longer than 2 pages, including examples and references, should be submitted for consideration by June 1, 2015 as PDF attachment to emily.manetta@uvm.edu. Authors of abstracts chosen for inclusion will be notified by July 15, 2015. Complete papers ready for review are due to the editors on November 1, 2015. Decisions and peer
reviews will be sent to authors no later than January 31, 2016 with expected publication by summer 2016.

**Important Dates:**
Abstract due: June 1, 2015
Full paper due: November 1, 2015
Decisions/Reviews to author: January 31, 2016

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