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*Note: This listing acknowledges the receipt of recent writings in the study of language, with particular attention being given to those concerned with the history and the mechanisms of language change, comparative-historical philology, and language typology. Only in exceptional instances will a separate acknowledgment of receipt be issued; no book can be returned to the publisher after it has been analyzed in this section. It should be pointed out, moreover, that by accepting a book, no promise is implied that it will be reviewed in detail in *Diachronica*. Reviews are printed as circumstances permit, and offprints will be sent to the publishers of the works reviewed, including those items briefly commented upon in the present section.*

Ball, Martin J., ed. 1993. *The Celtic Languages*. London & New York: Routledge, xi, 682 pp. [This book, whose front matter contains a list of abbreviations, a preface and a list of contributors, is concerned with the structure and status of the Celtic languages. It is an edited collection of modern accounts by a team of leading experts working with both the extant and extinct Celtic languages from various linguistic traditions have contributed; they include D. Ellis Evans, James Fife, and Karl Horst Schmidt. The volume is divided into four main parts: I, “Historical Aspects” (an initial section deals with an overview of the Celtic languages and their historical background, followed by an account of the extinct forms of Celtic); II, “The Goidelic Languages” and III, “The Brythonic Languages”, which both consist of a set of linguistic descriptions of the extant and recently extinct languages. The purpose of these chapters is to give as full a description as possible of the phonology, morphology, syntax and lexis of each individual language. Part IV is devoted to “The Sociolinguistics of the Celtic Languages”. General index (665-682). — KK.]

Barber, Charles. 1993. *The English Language: A historical introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, xii + 299 pp. [This work, “a complete revision and rewriting of an earlier work, *The Story of Language*” (1964) by the same author, is intended as an introductory-level textbook for “all students of the English language”. It treats the history and development of English in a fairly traditional manner, covering the place of English within Germanic and
of Germanic within Indo-European, the major periods of English, and the main sources of external influence, though with further chapters on "English as a world language" and "English today and tomorrow"."

Benson, Morton & Evelyn Benson. 1993. Russian-English Dictionary of Verbal Collocations (REDVC). Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, xxi, 269 pp. [The book lists grammatical collocations (verb + prep., verb + specific case), lexical collocations (verb + adverb and various types of miscellaneous verbal phrases, including important idioms and figurative expressions). The dictionary (1-269) is preceded by a Preface (i-vii) and an Introduction (xi-xxi).— KK.]

Booij, Geert & van Marle, Jaap, eds. 1993. Yearbook of Morphology. Dordrecht—Boston—London: Kluwer Academic Publishers, vi, 294 pp. [This volume focuses on the nature of morphological rules and the kinds of mechanisms and notions that are necessary for an adequate account of morphological processes, word-internal morphological structures, and the syntactic properties of complex words. Relevant evidence is also taken from the study of language change, language acquisition, and from statistical data concerning language use. Different models of morphological description are discussed. It also contains a number of in-depth reviews of recent monographs on the nature of morphological structure and its relation to syntax. Some sample articles are: "Inflectional rules in children's grammar: Evidence from German participle", by Harald Calsh & Monika Rothweiler; "Suffixed rivalry: A case study in Irish nominalizations", by Aidan Doyle; "Verbal Prefixation in Dutch: Thematic evidence for conversion", by Ad Neeleman & Jolene Schipper; "Wackernagel affixes: Evidence from Balto-Slavic", by Joel A. Nevis & Brian D. Joseph; "Head-operations in Spanish morphology", by Franz Rainer; "Position classes and morphological theory", by Gregory T. Stump. In the discussion section there is an article by Harald Baayen, "On frequency, transparency and productivity". There is a review section consisting of two review articles and a number of book reviews (259-282); book notices (285-290); publications received (290-291); and notes on the contributors (293-294).— KK.]


Comrie, Bernard & Maria Polinsky, eds. 1993. Causatives and Transitivity. (= Studies in Language Companion Series, 23.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, x + 399 pp. [This collection of 18 papers by scholars in the former Soviet Union and in the west celebrates "the thirtieth anniversary of the Leningrad (now once again: St. Petersburg) Typology Group by focusing on "causative constructions, the area in which the [...] Group first achieved international eminence" (p.vii). The extension to include transitivity recognizes the relationship between causatives and changes in argument structure. The range of languages treated is impressive, including in-depth studies of Aleut, Alut, Athabaskan, Dogon, English, Even, Haruai, Russian, Svan, and Yukaghir, and survey studies that cover large numbers of languages. Although none of the papers takes an exclusively diachronic perspective concerning causatives, historical considerations come up in several, as issues of grammaticalization, incorporation, lexicalization, specialization of affixal functions, and the like, which all have diachronic consequences, are discussed throughout.]

Denison, David. 1993. English Historical Syntax: Verbal constructions. London & New York: Longman, xiv + 530 pp. [Written partly as a textbook (and thus with "Questions for discussion or further research" at the close of each chapter), but also as a tool for researchers, and as a contribution on its own to research on English historical syntax, this volume presents a comprehensive survey of the development of verbal constructions from Old English through Middle English up to the modern period. D discusses in turn word order, impersonal verbs, dative movement, indirect and prepositional passive, complement structures, subject raising, and auxiliaries, this last section covering virtually every detail of the auxiliary system in over 200 pages. In each case, D presents a "critical review of work that has been published on the topic in both the philological and linguistic traditions, with the results of [his] own research incorporated" (p.ix), resulting in an extremely interesting, detailed, and useful volume.]

Eckert, Eva, ed. 1993. Varieties of Czech: Studies in Czech sociolinguistics. Amsterdam & Atlanta, Ga.: Editions Rodopi, iv + 285 pp. [This volume, the "first to integrate the ongoing [...] sociolinguistic research of Europe and America" (p.3) on the Czech language, was made possible by the political changes in the late 1980s that permitted Czech researchers to begin to examine socially determined varieties of their language. Included here are 18 studies by Czech linguists in the Czech Republic, and emigré and non-Czech linguists abroad, covering four major themes: Language norm and codification, Varieties of Czech in literature, Common Czech and Czech dialects, and
Czech in contact with other languages. The papers in the last category will be of particular interest to readers of *Diacronica*, with their attention to the fate of Czech in Texas, Chicago, Vienna, Poland, Croatia, and Canada, though others dealing with aspects of Czech diglossia and codeswitching are relevant too to matters of language change.

Einhauer, Eveline, ed. 1992. *Lieber Freund ...: Die Briefe Hermann Osthoffs an Karl Brugmann, 1875-1904*. Trier: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Trier, 296 pp. [This book is an annotated edition of over 130 letters and postcards which Hermann Osthoff wrote to his fellow 'young grammarians' Karl Brugmann during almost his entire career. It constitutes an important document in the history of historical-comparative linguistics during the last quarter of the 19th century, in particular since O reports on his discoveries as well as on his battles in great detail. The book is divided into three main parts: 1. "Osthooff an Brugmann: Ein Blick 'hinter die coulissen'" (13-24); 2. "Editionsprinzipien" (25-26); and 3. "Die Briefe" (27-248). There is a short preface (9-10), a chronological index of the letters (249-261), a biographical index of persons mentioned in the correspondence (262-281), and an index of names (282-287). The back matter also reproduces one of Osthoff's letters in his original handwriting, as well as pictures of both Brugmann and Osthoff. — KK.]


Hagège, Claude. 1993. *The Language Builder: An essay on the human signature in linguistic morphogenesis*. (= Current Issues in Linguistic Theory, 94.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, xii + 283 pp. [H defines human beings as 'language builders', i.e., engaged in language building, "a panchronic and pantoponic activity [that] corresponds to an ongoing and continuous process of generation of languages [...] putting the world into language and building/reshaping language" (p.9), and then proceeds to detail ways in which various levels of consciousness and direct "intervention" are evident in "the aptitude Language Builders have for shaping the linguistic tools they need in their psychosocial life" (p.5). There is much here of interest to all linguists, as this is a wide-ranging study drawing on a broad language base for data. There is much also of direct relevance to diachronists, as H treats creoles, lexicalization, grammaticalization, conscious alterations of borrowings, and the like, though he makes it clear that his interest is in language building per se, not language change (though the two overlap in many instances). Three indices (covering languages, names, and subjects) round out the volume.]


Jones, Charles, ed. 1993. *Historical Linguistics: Problems and perspectives*. London & New York: Longman, xiii, 405 pp. [This book is a collection of twelve papers, each one dealing with a different issue, trend, or approach in the current study of language change through time. Of primary concern is the impact recent generativist models, as well as the validity of linguistic reconstruction, in terms of both its practice and its results. Contributors are: John Anderson, "Parameters of syntactic change: A notational view" (1-42); Raimo Anttila, "Change and metaphor at the beginning of the 1990s: The primacy of history" (43-73); Bernard Comrie, "Typology and reconstruction" (74-97); Patricia Donegan, "On the phonetic basis of phonological change" (98-130); Nancy C. Dorian, "Internally and externally motivated change in language contact settings: Doubts about dichotomy" (131-155); Roger Lass, "How real(ist) are reconstructions?" (156-189); David Lightfoot, "Why UG needs a learning theory: Triggering verb movement" (190-214); James Milroy, "On the social origins of language change" (215-236); John Ohala, "The phonetics of sound change" (237-278); Wayne O’Neill, "Narcaraguan English in history" (279-318); Theo Vennemann, "Language change as language improvement" (319-344); and William S.-Y. Wang & Chintia Lien, "Bidirectional diffusion in sound change" (345-400). The front matter consists of a table of contents (v-vi), notes on the contributors (vii-x), the editor’s preface (x-xii), and acknowledgements (p.xiii). The book also has a general index (401-405). — KK.]


Kurzová, Helena. 1993. *From Indo-European to Latin: The evolution of a morphosyntactic type. (= Current Issues in Linguistic Theory, 104.)* Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, xvi + 259 pp. [In this work, K presents her view of the development of Latin morphosyntax. She first (1-46) defines two typological structures: the ‘derivative-factional’ type and the ‘paradigmatic-inflectional’ type, positing the former as the structural type of Proto-Indo-European and the latter as the “paradigmatically organized structure of the individual Indo-European languages” (p.3), including Latin, and then establishes principles of diachronic change concerning these types. K then applies this typology and these principles to the development of the Latin nominal system (47-104), treating gender, number, and case, and of the verbal system (105-192), identifying ‘active’ and ‘inactive’ verb classes, tracing their relation to the perfect and to the middle-passive, and considering several suffixes important to the inflectional forms of the Latin verb (thematic vowel, long vowel suffixes, sigmatic suffixes, and the -b-suffixes of the future and imperfect, which she derives from a PIE *-dh- suffix). The back matter consists of endotes (195-214), a bib. (215-231), and a general index (233-259).]

computerized collection of extracts of continuous text. The corpus contains a diachronic part covering the period from c.750 to c.1700. A brief introduction to the overall organization of the diachronic part precedes the list of source texts and the index of abbreviated titles. This is followed by three appendices. — KK.

Lieb, Hans-Heinrich. 1993. *Linguistic Variables: Towards a unified theory of linguistic variation.* (= *Current Issues in Linguistic Theory*, 108.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, v. 261 pp. [This book offers to compare the different orientations of variation research by providing a conceptual framework which is both general and non-trivial at the same time. It concentrates on essential ideas that stand out clearly rather than be clouded by lots of learned detail. There are five parts to this book that classify a total of twenty-one chapters: Part I, “Orientation” (pp.3-32); Part II, “Setting the Stage” (33-76); Part III, “A Theory of Language Varieties” (77-134); Part IV, “Integrating the Component Approach” (135-186), and Part V, “Extensions” (187-234). The back matter consists of a bibliography, an index of names, an index of subjects and terms, and finally a list of symbols and abbreviations. — KK.]

Lord, Carol. 1993. *Historical Change in Serial Verb Constructions.* (= *Typological Studies in Language*, 26.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, x + 273 pp. [Drawing primarily on the vast resources of the West African languages, but with some reference to similar phenomena found elsewhere (e.g., Caribbean creoles, various Asian languages, etc.), L gives here a detailed account of the diachronic development of serial verb constructions in a variety of functions: locative, recipient, benefactive, comitative, object marker, adverb, complementizer, subordinating conjunction, and auxiliary verb. Beyond the wealth of data presented and discussed, considerable attention is given to well to the processes of semantic bleeding, category change, and grammaticalization, as they pertain to the diachrony of serial verbs.]

Miller, D. Gary. 1993. *Complex Verb Formation.* (= *Current Issues in Linguistic Theory*, 95.) Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, xx + 381 pp. [In this richly documented study that takes both synchronic and diachronic perspectives on the subject, M investigates “the way(s) in which a base verb becomes ‘complex’ [by undergoing] some sort of derivation to alter the form, meaning, or argument structure of the base verb (or verb ‘root’)” (p.xiii). M works within a Principles & Parameters framework, drawing heavily on Mark Baker’s theory of incorporation and testing the theory against such phenomena as conundra, preposition (and preverb) incorporation in Greek and Latin, antipassive in Eskimo, reflexive incorporation (especially in Old Norse and Modern (East) Scandinavian), and many other argument-affecting derivational processes, including causative forma-

Vine, Brent. 1993. Studies in Archaic Latin Inscriptions. (= Innsbrucker Beiträge zur Sprachwissenschaft, 75.) Innsbruck: Institut für Sprachwissenschaft der Universität Innsbruck, 419 pp. (In this important contribution to the history of Latin, V presents a detailed study of selected Latin inscriptions from before 150 B.C. Moreover, he treats various related issues in early Latin grammar and epigraphy, including the position of Latin with respect to other ancient languages of Italy (Italic languages such as Oscan and Umbrian, as well as Etruscan), the relation of urban and rural Latin, Latin dialectology, orthographic conventions used in Latin inscriptions (e.g., syllabic writing, ligatures, etc.), and the origins and historical development of various nominal endings (e.g., the thematic ablative singular and the o-stem nominative plural ending), among others, recognizing that “as with other forms of philology, it is the constant intersection of text-critical, grammatical, orthographic, paleographic, sociolinguistic, and still other considerations that defines the interest of this material” (p.25.)

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