

# Preface

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On occasion of Josef's 65th birthday and his upcoming retirement, we present here a collection of articles from colleagues and friends that can be taken as an attempt to reflect (at least part of) the influence that Josef had on different fields of linguistics. Josef worked in linguistic subfields as diverse as psycho- and neurolinguistics (including research on aphasia), the syntax and morphology of dialects, comparative work with a focus on South Asian languages, and finally the syntax-pragmatics interface with his recent work on discourse particles. Given this diversity of research topics, we therefore named this collection "Charting the landscape of linguistics: On the scope of Josef Bayer's work." On the website's title page, we indicate (in a 'cartographic' fashion, as it were) where Josef has left his mark during his long career – either by working on the languages spoken in the marked areas or by intensive exchange with colleagues living in these countries.

As for the present collection, needless to say, we had to make tough choices regarding the selection of potential contributions. We nevertheless hope that the present collection will please Josef. One aspect of Josef's work that might be underrepresented in this webschrift is that Josef was one of the first to take syntactic theory to the lab. In addition to the theoretical analysis of the phenomena indicated above, he has investigated their role in processing, always seeing empirical and theoretical research as complementary (rather than opposed) ways to answer the big questions of linguistics. His work has profoundly shaped the landscape of psycholinguistics, adding theoretical quality and depth to empirical research.

We became friends with Josef at different stages of his career. His groundbreaking work on dialectal syntax, his comparative research on discourse-oriented grammar, and his work on language processing influenced the three of us to a different extent. Working in Josef's research team has always felt like we are all contributing to the same explanatory enterprise. Josef has always been able to provide a conceptual umbrella for all scholars working within his research unit. His colloquium, reliably taking place every Tuesday, has been an exceptional place for us to exchange and develop new ideas and to keep up with current work of our colleagues. Long-term research strategies often emerged during Tuesday's dinner at Josef's favorite Italian place in town. Thank you, Josef, for all the wonderful evenings and the invaluable feedback we received from you!

All in all, the contributions to this webschrift reflect how generously Josef has been sharing his knowledge, his ideas, his enthusiasm, and his time throughout his career—and that is the message that we, as well as all contributors to this collection, would like to convey to Josef. **Dear Josef:** Please enjoy 'browsing' through the contributions from your colleagues and friends—either for finding many interesting ideas for your future work or for dwelling in memories also outside linguistics!

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