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This collection of original research focuses on various lesser studied aspects of Greek syntax. The articles combine a sound empirical coverage within current developments of generative theory and cover a wide spectrum of areas. The syntax of sentential structure is dealt with by two articles, one is an extensive analysis of the distribution of goal and beneficiary dative DPs in Greek (and cross-linguistically) and the other addresses the relation *agree* in small clauses (and between adjectives and nouns). Two articles study the acquisition of the left periphery and of eventivity and one focuses on the historical evolution of participles in Greek, out of which gerunds emerged. The syntax and semantics of *wh*-clauses in DP positions and of the non-volitional verb *thelo* are the focus of two articles situated in the syntax–semantics interface. The DP domain is approached by two theoretical articles, one on a Greek possessive adjective and another on determiner heads. The final contribution studies the acquisition of the Greek definite article.

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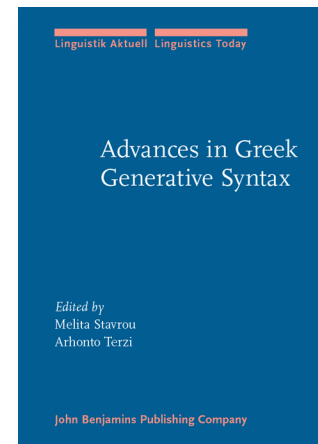
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“The measure of a teacher is without a doubt the success of the students. Prof T-K, one of the early proponents of generative grammar in Greece, has influenced the field both with her own work and through the work of her many accomplished students. The present volume itself is evidence of this, demonstrating not only the broad range of linguistic subdisciplines in which Prof T-K’s students have achieved success – but also the love and respect they hold for her. The papers in this volume are insightful and scholarly. This collection will be required reading for anyone interested in Greek morphosyntax. An apt tribute for a beloved and respected teacher.”

Sabine Iatridou, MIT

“Dimitra Theophanopoulou-Kontou has a very special place in Greek linguistics as the scholar who laid the foundations for the study of generative grammar in her homeland, and it is a great pleasure to see the affection and respect in which she is held by all her students, past and present, reflected so warmly in the ten contributions to this excellent volume. Unsurprisingly, the focus is on the syntax and semantics of clauses and noun phrases, and on the acquisition of the relevant structures, though a number of other topics are also addressed. The range and quality of the work included here will make this book essential reading for the ever-growing community of those whose primary interest is the structure of Greek and its importance for linguistic theory; it combines cutting-edge analysis with meticulous attention to the empirical detail, and is prefaced by a lucid and helpful introduction that puts all the issues raised in their proper context.”

Geoffrey Horrocks, Cambridge

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