

Editorial Statement

We are very happy to present to you the sixth volume of the Journal of South Asian Linguistics. It comes to you several months later than the date it bears; we hope the excellence of the papers that make up this volume will make up in a small way for this delay. The volume consists of two papers and a book review.

The first paper is by Emily Manetta and it investigates sluicing in Hindi-Urdu. Sluicing has been a topic of much interest for the syntax-semantics interface at least since the publication of a seminal paper by Chung, Ladusaw, and McCloskey in 1995. A commonly assumed treatment of sluicing analyzes it as clausal ellipsis that leaves out the *wh*-phrase. Given this assumption, the very existence of sluicing in *wh*-in-situ languages becomes surprising. This is where Manetta's paper comes in. It argues that even though Hindi-Urdu is in general descriptively *wh*-in-situ, in sluicing contexts a higher copy of the *wh*-phrase is pronounced. The notion of 'wh-in-situ' is not a primitive property of the syntax of Hindi-Urdu; instead it is contextually determined.

The second paper is by Pritty Patel-Grosz and it provides a solution for a very curious puzzle concerning the binding of anaphors in English, Greek, and Kutchi Gujarati. It is well known that reflexive pronouns like *himself* need to be locally bound. Patel-Grosz shows that in the languages under investigation, the local binding restriction only holds as long as the anaphors are not modified (e.g., 'himself' vs. 'his pathetic self'). She proposes that the local binding restriction arises from the incorporation of self into the predicate. If the reflexive is modified, the incorporation is blocked and non-local readings become available.

The volume concludes with a book review of an edited volume (Ibero-Asian Creoles: Comparative Perspectives. Edited by Hugo C. Cardoso, Alan N. Baxter, and Mário Pinharanda Nunes. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company. 2012.) by Adam Roth Singerman.

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