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Preface

We are pleased to present the 17th volume of the University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers.

Ever since Pollock's (1989) work, what could be called the Split INFL Hypothesis has generated a great deal of interest in the structure of the inflectional system. This volume can be seen as an attempt at investigating issues related to this hypothesis. While each paper contained here explores a different angle, they all share the common goal of better understanding the nature of inflection, in terms of functional projections.

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We hope that reading this volume is as enjoyable to you as putting it together was for us.

The Editors.
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