

PREFACE: NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

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The Second Asian and European Linguistic Conference (AE-Link 2) took place at Newcastle University on 5-6th December 2014. The purpose of the conference was to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of the best current research on the languages of Asia, and to promote interdisciplinary collaboration between linguists from Europe and Asia. This Special Issue collects together a selection of the papers presented at the conference.

The editors would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to the participants for making this such a successful event. We would also like to extend thanks to the many people who contributed to the organisation of the conference, in particular the many reviewers involved in the original selection of papers. For their role as conference volunteers, we would like to thank Daniel Bell, Dongyan Chen, Harold Thampoe, Azad Maudaressi, Rebecca Musa, Qi Chen, Danhui Li, Ruoyao Zhang, Tianche Li, Zeying Jin, Ziyu Zhou. Finally we would like to thank our sponsors: Quality in Learning and Teaching (QuILT) at Newcastle University, The Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), the Centre for Research in Linguistics and Language Sciences (CRiLLS) at Newcastle University, and the Chinese Students & Scholars Association – Newcastle (CSSA). The conference would not have been possible without this support.

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