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This issue of *Linguistica Brunensia* was conceived with the idea to explore the form and use of various expressions in natural language from a formal perspective. The presented papers investigate primarily topics in morphology and syntax but also in syntax/semantics interface. Empirically, they cover linguistic phenomena mainly from various Indo-European languages including Germanic, Romance, Slavic, and Greek.

Artemis Alexiadou explores two cases involving morphosyntactic doubling, specifically doubling of possessive clitics and doubling of auxiliaries, in language mixing and shows how features of language mixing reflect general principles of syntactic knowledge. The analysis is grounded in recent work employing realizational (and post-syntactic) models of morphology and assumes that language mixing does not require special rules. The data are argued to inform our theories of the syntax-morphology-PF interface and of the timing and ordering of morpho-phonological processes such as Vocabulary Insertion and Linearization.

Christos Christopoulos identifies a new gap in tense-aspect suppletion patterns in Indo-European ‘tripartite’ tense-aspect systems, which concerns the fact that for any triple of present-imperfect-aorist forms, the present and aorist forms never share the same base to the exclusion of the imperfect form. This gap is explored from the perspective of *ABA (a ‘containment-and-competition’ gap) and *AAB (a ‘structure-and-locality’ gap). The research suggests that there are domains in which ‘structure-and-locality’ gaps arise in the absence of ‘containment-and-competition’ gaps.

Vincenzo Nicolò Di Caro, Angelapia Massaro, and Luca Molinari investigate syntactic and semantic properties of mirative strategies in Italian, and their possibility to co-occur without producing any redundancy in the utterance. The data covers Ethical and Conversational Datives, GO and TAKE periphrases, the expletive negation within a rhetorical question, and combinations thereof. The proposal builds a featural geometry to explain why markers of different origins can yield a mirative interpretation. The acceptable stackability of two or more mirative markers depends on the

fact that mirativity is a pragmatic inference arising as a by-product of the manipulation of the speaker's expectations.

Kurt Erbach and **Remus Gergel** examine the status of pseudo-partitive constructions in US English and present experimental evidence of direct pseudo-partitives with nonce quantity words (e.g. *two dakes water*) being preferred with measure readings rather than container readings. The reported results are argued to support theories of pseudo-partitive syntax in which measure and container readings are derived, not only with different semantics, but different syntax as well, rather than theories which argue for different semantics but relatively uniform syntax across measure and container readings.

Finally, **Marko Simonović** and **Petra Mišmaš** explore secondary imperfectivizers in Slovenian deverbal nominalizations, specifically the morphology of a subtype of *lec*-nominalizations in which various secondary imperfectivizing suffixes are replaced by the default suffix *-ov-*, which results in bases not attested in actual verbal forms. The analysis of quantitative data and the availability of candidates for aspectual pairs of *lec*-nominalizations indicates that aspect is not actively included in the interpretation and that apparent aspectual pairs show divergent lexicalizations or total synonymy.

To conclude, we would like to thank the authors for their contributions as well as the two anonymous reviewers of each article for their efforts and help. We hope that the readers will find the papers interesting and inspiring.

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