

## *Editorial statement*

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This is the first thematic volume of the *Phonology Yearbook*: all of the papers in this volume are devoted to one or other of two topics, PHONOLOGY AND THE LEXICON and THE REPRESENTATION OF SEGMENTS. 'Phonology and the lexicon' begins with an introductory article on the most important aspects of the theory of Lexical Phonology, in terms of which the other papers in the section are couched. For 'The representation of segments', an area in which there is at present nothing which might be described as a 'standard theory', an introduction of this sort does not seem appropriate; however, a brief overview of some recent developments is provided in the introductory section of the first paper on this theme.

It is not envisaged that all subsequent volumes will be exclusively thematic; nevertheless, the focus of each volume will typically be provided by at least one topic of current interest. The editors hope that the intercommunication to which the *Yearbook* is dedicated will be advanced in a coherent way by the inclusion in a single volume of a number of contributions on a particular theme, especially when these are written from different theoretical standpoints. Submissions of replies to articles in this and subsequent volumes are therefore particularly welcome, as are papers, whether 'squibs' or longer articles, provoked by the treatment of particular themes. The editors will also be glad to receive suggestions for appropriate future themes.

These remarks are not, of course, intended to discourage the submission of papers dealing with other issues. Not all progress in the discipline is 'thematic', and certain volumes will be partly or entirely devoted to non-thematic papers. Contributions on any subject relevant to the interests of the *Yearbook* are therefore welcome at all times.