

BOOK NOTICES

Huang, Chu-Ren. 1989. *Mandarin Chinese NP de - a Comparative Study of Current Grammatical Theories*. Pp. 198. Institute of History and Philology Special Publications No. 93. Taiwan: Academia Sinica. This monograph is essentially based on a Cornell dissertation, submitted in late 1986. After the Introduction, Chapter 1 gives a morphological overview. Chapter 2 treats *de* as a NP clitic. Chapter 3 discusses the semantics of *de*. Chapter 4 provides analyses of possessive objects in terms of GB, GPSG, Head Grammar, and LFG theories. Chapter 5 discusses possessive objects as a contrastive study of three frameworks. The monograph is completed by a substantive conclusion and bibliography.

Mair, Victor H., ed. 1983. *Experimental Essays on Chuang-tzu*. Pp. 171. University of Hawaii Press.

The volume begins with a Foreword by Burton Watson, which is followed by nine essays. The authors are A. C. Graham, Chad Hansen, Hideki Yukawa, Harold Oshima, Victor Mair, Michael Crandell, Lee Yearley, Michael Saso and Hellmut Wilhelm.

Herbert, Patricia and Anthony Milner, eds. 1989. *Southeast Asia, Languages and Literatures: a Select Guide*. Pp. 182. University of Hawaii Press.

There are 9 sections to this volume: Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, and a small section on Overseas Chinese, authored by J. A. C. Mackie, A. C. Milner and Claudine Salmon.

DeFrancis, John. 1989. *Visible Speech: the Diverse Oneness of Writing Systems*. Pp. 306. University of Hawaii Press.

The basic scheme according to which full writing systems are classified by the author is this 2 by 3 matrix, and exemplified by the languages listed below. The volume is handsomely produced and illustrated with 27 figures. Three of the figures concern Chinese, and one is of the Yi syllabary developed in China's southwest.

	Alphabetic	Consonantal	Syllabic
Pure Meaning-plus- Sound	Greek, Latin English, Korean	Hebrew, Arabic Egyptian	Japanese Chinese, Mayan

Tai, James H-Y. and Frank F. S. Hsueh, eds. 1989. *Functionalism and Chinese Grammar*. Pp. x+278. Chinese Language Teachers Association Monograph Series No.1.

This volume is based on the Ohio Symposium on Chinese Linguistics, held at the Ohio State University, March 27-28, 1987. It starts with a preface by Hsueh and an integrative introduction by Tai, which discusses the theme of the volume. There are 10 papers, as follows.

1. Yung-O Biq: Ye as manifested on three discourse planes: polysemy or abstraction? 2. Chauncey C. Chu: The interplay of syntax, semantics and pragmatics in Mandarin Chinese. 3. Hsin-I. Hsieh: Time and imagery in Chinese. 4. Frank F. S. Hsueh: The structural meaning of ba and bei constructions in Mandarin Chinese. 5. Timothy Light: The door is closed on zhe ne. 6. Lu Jianming: On the functions of classifiers and measure words in Chinese. 7. John H. T. Lu: Formalism, functionalism and Chinese syntax. 8. James H-Y. Tai: Toward a cognition-based functional grammar of Chinese. 9. Shou-hsin Teng: The semantics of causatives in Chinese. 10. Feng-fu Tsao: Topics and the lian ... dou construction revisited.

Shen Xiaolong. 1988. *Zhongguo Juxing Wenhua*. Dongbei Shifan Daxue Chubanshe. Pp. 514.

This volume is based on a doctoral dissertation written under the supervision of Zhang Shilu, Department of Chinese, Fudan University.

The bulk of the data is from the *Zuo Zhuan*. The last two chapters discuss grammar as it related to psychological and cultural issues.

Nakajima, Motoki. 1989. *The Shandong Dialects in Changyi and Fei Counties*. Asian and African Lexicon 19. Institute for the Study of Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. 596 pages.

Changyi is in northern Shangdong, near Bohai, while Fei-xian is in the south, toward Jiangsu. Part I of this hefty volume is a table of homonyms in Changyi. A notable development here is a series of interdentalals. Part II is a table of homonyms in Fei-xian, where one notes that /v/ is the initial consonant which corresponds to some words which contain /ru/ in Putonghua.

Part III is a lexicon of Changyi, while part IV is a lexicon of Fei-xian. Each lexicon is organized into 32 categories, and is followed by a section of sample sentences. The volume concludes with an index, first by Putonghua, and then by the English glosses.

Hou, Jing-yi. 1989. *Jinyu Yanjiu* (Studies of the Jin Dialects). Pp. 296. Institute for the Study of Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

This is a collection of 35 articles, 19 of which have been published elsewhere. All of them treat the group of dialects called Jin, centering in Shanxi, but also spilling over into neighboring provinces. These dialects are distinctive from other dialects of northern Mandarin by having preserved Middle Chinese tone IV. The articles range over many topics, including socio-historical background, phonology, four-syllable expressions, etc. There are convenient English language abstracts for the articles.

Xu, Bao-hua and Tang, Zhen-zhu. 1988. *Shanghai Shiqu Fan-gyanzhi*. Pp. 582. Shanghai Jiaoyu Chubanshe.