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## Book Review

Karla M. Inzucchi and Louis de Saussure (eds.): 2013, *Time, Language, cognition and reality*, Oxford Studies of Time in Language & Thought, Oxford University Press, 295pp, ISBN 978-0-1995-8987-6

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The book *Time, Language, cognition and reality* is the opening volume of a new series of publications on the theme of time called *Oxford Studies of Time in Language and Thought*. The need to create a series dedicated to the topic of the expression and representation of time in language and thought demonstrates the persistent interest in this matter. Of course, as this volume and *The Oxford handbook of tense and aspect*, edited by R. Binnick (2012), so well illustrate, we speak about multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary interests.

Regarding the multidisciplinary interest, one can enumerate research areas such as linguistics, philosophy, psychology, translation studies, sociology, anthropology, and artificial intelligence. Obviously, within each of these research areas, more-specific accounts of time are provided. For example, as far as linguistics is concerned, one can distinguish between typology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse, and language acquisition, among others (see Binnick 2012). As for the interdisciplinary perspective, for example, linguistics and computational linguistics aim at proposing semantic and pragmatic models of temporality in discourse that can be implemented automatically and used for improving the results of statistical machine translation systems (see, for example, Meyer et al. 2011). Another interdisciplinary perspective is, for example, between linguistics, psycholinguistics, and neurolinguistics, aimed at investigating human processing of temporal information by looking at online processes in healthy speakers and brain-damaged patients through experimental methods such as electroencephalograms and reaction times (see, for example, Bastiaanse et al. 2011; Roe et al. 2013; Drasny et al. 2012; Liu and Zhou 2013). Interdisciplinary work is advantageous for all parties: Neurolinguistics benefits from theoretical input while linguistics benefits from the validation or amendment of its theories.

In this volume, Inzucchi and de Saussure focus on the linguistic and philosophical perspectives on time. Specifically, they address three main issues around which the book is organized, namely temporal reference, time and modality, and finally, the metaphysics of time and the linguistic-expression of temporality. The authors described the essence of their book in the following words (p. 5):

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