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The Linguistics Department at the School of Oriental and African Studies was the first linguistics department established in Britain, in 1932. The interests of staff, researchers, students and visitors cover a wide range of theoretical and applied aspects of linguistics, broadly conceived, including syntax, phonology, semantics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, language typology, language documentation, language archiving, lexicography, multimedia, language pedagogy, translations studies and research on individual languages and language families. We work on languages spoken in every continent of the world, with considerable emphasis on endangered and under-described languages.

The LDLT biennial conference aims to bring together researchers working at the intersection of linguistic theory and language documentation and description, with a particular focus on innovative work which advances our techniques, ideas, or understanding, or which expands our horizons regarding the study of language. The LDLT programme committee has decided that each conference should have a theme within this broad remit, and for this year the theme is linguistic typology and language documentation. This volume contains a selection of papers presented at the conference. Our speakers were asked to submit a short version of their paper for inclusion in the LDLT 4 Proceedings. The papers have been lightly edited for consistency of style and format.

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