

## Preface

The present issue features selected papers that were presented at the International Conference *The Past Meets the Present: A Dialogue Between Historical Linguistics and Theoretical Linguistics* held at Academia Sinica on July 14-16, 2008. The conference aimed at celebrating the retirement of Dah-an Ho, former Editor-in-Chief of *Language and Linguistics*, and the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of well-known linguists in the fields of Chinese historical and theoretical linguistics, Chin-fa Lien and C.-T. James Huang. Two other papers that were written in Chinese will be included in *Language and Linguistics* 11.2.

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