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Editors' note

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All while struggling to find a common language to talk about phenomena that are so pervasive in our respective languages of investigation, our discussions greatly benefited from the pooling of experiences in fields between which scientific exchange is often obstructed by the boundaries of various traditions.

Far from adhering all to one theory or perspective, we hope that bringing together the following articles in one volume will provide new data and insights for the already lively discussion around converbs, medial verbs and related issues.

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