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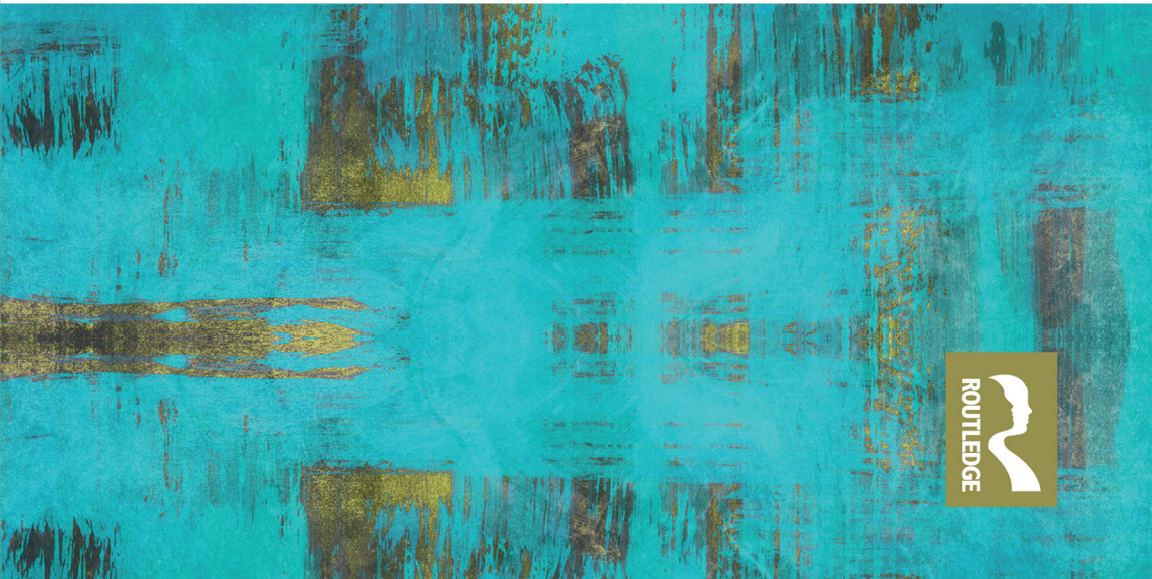

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This volume showcases previously unpublished research on theoretical, descriptive and methodological innovations for understanding language patterns grounded in a Systemic Functional perspective. Featuring contributions from an international range of scholars, the book demonstrates how advances in SFL have developed to reflect the breadth of variation in language and how descriptive methodologies for language have evolved in turn. Using examples from a wide variety of languages, the first part of the book looks at new methods for understanding grammatical variation in SFL. The second part of the book highlights a top-down approach by extending SFL methods to understanding grammar in context and examining text patterns in discourse semantics, register and genre, with a particular focus on languages and semiotic resources that have been understudied in SFL. Taken together, the volume offers a comprehensive account of Systemic Functional Language description, providing a foundation for practice and further research for students and scholars in descriptive linguistics, Systemic Functional Linguistics and theoretical linguistics.

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