

## Preface for the Korean language edition of *Cognitive Linguistics*

Cognitive Linguistics is one of the fastest growing schools of linguistics within the interdisciplinary endeavour cognitive science. As an area of study, cognitive linguistics is over 25 years old, and has an established infrastructure including an International Cognitive Linguistics Association (ICLA), which organises biennial conferences. Indeed, in 2005 a very successful International Cognitive Linguistics Conference was hosted in Seoul. This event saw many hundreds of cognitive linguists from around the world descend on Korea for an extremely enjoyable and stimulating week-long conference. In addition to exploring recent developments in cognitive linguistics, the conference delegates were also able to experience some of the many delights on offer in Korea, including some of the famous Korean palaces that Seoul boasts. This event also marked an increasing awareness, inside Korea, of the significance of what we refer to in our book, *Cognitive Linguistics: An Introduction*, as the “cognitive linguistics enterprise”. Accordingly, following on from this important recent event, we are delighted to see this Korean translation of our introductory textbook. We hope that by making this book available in Korean, Korean scholars and students will be able to obtain a greater insight into the various assumptions, approaches, theories and theoretical constructs that populate cognitive linguistics. Cognitive linguistics is, in our view, one of the most exciting and rewarding areas of study within cognitive science, providing a new perspective on the relationship between human language, the human mind and the human experience. We warmly welcome this translation, and hope that it will provide a sense of what it is that makes cognitive linguistics such a thought-provoking field of study.

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