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### Abstract

This book introduces and develops the potential of complex systems as a metaphor or supra-theory for system and heterogeneity are central to complex systems theory and to the resonances that we find between complex systems. The book explores these resonances and what happens when complex systems theory is used to make applied linguistic concerns: language, language learning, discourse and the language classroom. Principles of complexity are explained, drawing on work that has been most developed in the biological sciences and that is being extended to developmental psychology and other applied disciplines. These principles importantly include descriptions of complex dynamics that work for all levels and scales: movement from temporary and relative stability through adaptive organisation to the emergence of new patterns that are not amenable to reductive explanations. Seeing applied complexity and dynamic opens up new conceptualisations of properties and activities, enables new questions about how languages, and demands new ways of investigating behaviour and development.

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