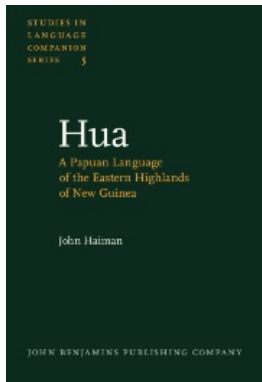


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Abstract

There is no country in the world where as many different languages are spoken as in New Guinea, approximately the world. Most of these so-called Papuan languages seem to be unrelated to languages spoken elsewhere. The present work is a comprehensive study of such a language, Hua. The chief typological peculiarity of Hua is the existence of a 'mediation' which conjoin clauses in compound and complex sentences. Hua also shows a fundamental morphological distinction between subordinate medial clauses, the latter are not 'tense-iconic', the events they describe are not necessarily prior to main clauses. Moreover their truth is always presupposed. The distribution and behaviour of a post-nominal suffix - *m* is also discussed. The nature of topics, conditional clauses, and functional definitions of the parts of speech. In phonology, the central vowel is constrained by the universal hierarchy of sonority, which may, however, be derived from binary features. These features are those which the grammar of Hua is unusually perspicuous. The present work aims at a standard of completeness such that it can serve as a reference work for research in almost any theoretical topic.

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