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Phase Theory), first introduced in Chomsky (2000). The antecedents of such framework go back to the well-known notion of "cycle", which concerns broader notions, such as compositionality, locality, and economy conditions. Within generative grammar, this idea of the cycle took a concrete form in the fifties, with Chomsky, Halle, and Lukoff's (1955) pioneering work on stress, later on extended in Chomsky & Halle (1968), Halle & Vergnaud (1987), and further applied to morpho-phonology (Mascaró 1976 and Kiparski 1982), semantics (Jackendoff 1969), and syntax (Chomsky 1965, 1973). In recent years, several attempts have tried to refine and reformulate the cycle (Freidin 1999, Lasnik 2006, Uriagereka 2011). Such was the goal behind explorations on bounding nodes (Chomsky 1973) and barriers (Chomsky 1986), for which there is substantial empirical evidence showing how computation proceeds in a step-by-step fashion. Much work within minimalism has been devoted to investigate the nature of phases and their relevance for other areas of linguistic inquiry. Although it has been argued that phases have natural correlates at the interfaces, it is still unclear what the defining properties of these domains are, whether they can help us understand language acquisition, language variation, or language evolution. This book aims at addressing these questions, sharpening our understanding about phases and the nature of the Faculty of Language. Ángel J. Gallego (ed.), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona 1. Cedric Boeckx, Institució Catalana de Recerca i Estudis Avançats / Universitat de Barcelona2. Zeljko Boškovi, University of Connecticut3. Noam Chomsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology4. Samuel D. Epstein, University of Michigan5. Wolfram Hinzen, Durham University6. Hisatsugu Kitahara, Keio University7. Julie Anne Legate, University of Pennsylvania8. Hiroki Narita, Waseda Institute for Advanced Study9. Miki Obata, Mie University10. Marc D. Richards, University of Frankfurt11. Ian G. Roberts, University of Cambridge12. Bridget Samuels, University of Southern California 13. Yosuke Sato, National University of Singapore14. T. Daniel Seely, Eastern Michigan University15. Juan Uriagereka, University of Maryland