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                    However, in this book etymology is understood more generally as a
                    research approach concerned with the question of how a particular
                    word or structure came into existence. As a result, etymology can
                    investigate the origin of words (lexical etymology) but also structural
                    elements, such as morphemes and constructions (structural
                    etymology). This pioneer volume assembles thirteen etymological

studies over a broad range of languages, ranging from Europe to Australia and the Pacific, focusing in particular on Australian Indigenous languages. The phenomena investigated in the contributions comprise the origin of Australian Indigenous place names and kinship terms, constructions and word histories in Oceanic languages, typological investigations as well as papers on the methodology of etymological research. This volume is intended for a scholarly audience including intermediate and advanced university students with an interest in historical linguistic, especially in etymology, but also semantics, toponymy and language contact.