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Der vorliegende Band versammelt Beiträge zu frühen Zeugnissen der Sprachen der Philippinen und Mikronesiens. Tagalog, Bikol, Cebuano, Iloko, Chamorro und andere Sprachen dieses und angrenzender Gebiete werden in dem Sammelband beschrieben. Das Hauptaugenmerk liegt auf den frühen Grammatiken und Wörterbüchern, daraus folgenden Beschreibungen und deren möglichen Wechselwirkungen. In einigen Arbeiten wird dargelegt, wie fortschrittlich einige Grammatiker der philippinischen Sprachen waren und inwieweit sie die Sprachtypologie vorwegnahmen. Der Sammelband ist eine Pionierstudie zur Geschichte der beschreibenden Sprachwissenschaft in Südostasien und im Westpazifik. Darüber hinaus wird heutigen interessierten Sprechern der beschriebenen Sprachen ein Einblick in die Vergangenheit ihrer Sprachgemeinschaft ermöglicht.

The papers assembled in this collection deal with the early linguistic sources on the languages of the Philippines and Micronesia. Tagalog, Bikol, Cebuano, Iloko, Chamorro and sundry languages of the area and beyond are featured in the papers. The focus is on the first descriptive work devoted to these languages and subsequent early treatments and their potential interdependency. Several papers also address the issue of how "modern" the early grammarians of Philippine languages were and to what extent they did typological linguistics *avant la lettre*. The collection is a pioneer contribution to the history of descriptive linguistics in Southeast Asia and the West Pacific. Moreover it offers a window to the past for the interested members of the modern speech communities of the languages covered by the papers.
