Record Nr. UNINA9910809873103321 **Titolo** Signal, meaning, and message: perspectives on sign-based linguistics // edited by Wallis Reid, Ricardo Otheguy, Nancy Stern Pubbl/distr/stampa Amsterdam;; Philadelphia,: John Benjamins Pub. Co., 2002 **ISBN** 90-272-8223-4 9786613234117 1-283-23411-4 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica xxi, 413 p.: ill Collana Studies in functional and structural linguistics, , 0165-7712;; v. 48 Altri autori (Persone) ReidWallis Hoch <1941-> OtheguyRicardo <1945-> SternNancy <1959-> Disciplina 401/.41 Soggetti Linguistic analysis (Linguistics) Semiotics Explanation (Linguistics) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Papers originally presented at Columbia School linguistics conferences. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di contenuto pt. 1. Theoretical and methodological issues -- pt. 2. Sign-based linguistic analyses -- pt. 3. Columbia School in the context of 20th century linguistics. Sommario/riassunto This is the second volume of papers on sign-based linguistics to emerge from Columbia School linguistics conferences. One set of articles offers semantic analyses of grammatical features of specific languages: English full-verb inversion; Serbo-Croatian deictic pronouns; English auxiliary do; Italian pronouns egli and lui; the Celticinfluenced use of on (e.g., 'he played a trick on me'); a monosemic analysis of the English verb break. A second set deals with general theoretical issues: a solution to the problem that noun class markers (e. g. Swahili) pose for sign-based linguistics; the appropriateness of statistical tests of significance in text-based analysis; the word or the morpheme as the locus of paradigmatic inflectional change; the radical consequences of Saussure's anti-nomenclaturism for syntactic analysis;

the future of 'minimalist linguistics' in a maximalist world. A third set explains phonotactic patterning in terms of ease of articulation:

aspirated and unaspirated stop consonants in Urdu; initial consonant clusters in more than two dozen languages. An introduction highlights the theoretical and analytical points of each article and their relation to the Columbia School framework. The collection is relevant to cognitive semanticists and functionalists as well as those working in the sign-based Jakobsonian and Guillaumist frameworks.