

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910968046903321
Titolo	What counts as evidence in linguistics : the case of innateness / / edited by Martina Penke, Anette Rosenbach
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Philadelphia, : J. Benjamins Pub. Co., 2007
ISBN	9786612154652 9781282154650 1282154656 9789027292537 9027292531
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	ix, 297 p
Collana	Benjamins current topics, , 1874-0081 ; ; v. 7
Altri autori (Persone)	PenkeMartina RosenbachAnette
Disciplina	410
Soggetti	Linguistic analysis (Linguistics) Grammar, Comparative and general Innateness hypothesis (Linguistics)
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Includes index.
Nota di contenuto	What Counts as Evidence in Linguistics -- Editorial page -- LCC data -- Table of contents -- Preface -- What counts as evidence in linguistics? An introduction -- Typological evidence and Universal Grammar -- Remarks on the relation between language typology and Universal Grammar. Commentary on Newmeyer -- Does linguistic explanation presuppose linguistic description? -- Remarks on description and explanation in grammar. Commentary on Haspelmath -- Author's response -- From UG to Universals. Linguistic adaptation through iterated learning -- Form, meaning and speakers in the evolution of language. Commentary on Kirby, Smith and Brighton -- Authors' response -- Why assume UG? -- What kind of evidence could refute the UG hypothesis? Commentary on Wunderlich -- Author's response. Is there any evidence that refutes the UG hypothesis? -- A question of relevance. Some remarks on standard languages -- The Relevance of Variation. Remarks on Weiß's Standard-Dialect-Problem -- Author's response -- Universals, innateness and explanation in second language

acquisition -- 'Internal' versus 'external' universals. Commentary on Eckman -- Author's response. 'External' universals and explanation in SLA -- What counts as evidence in historical linguistics? -- Abstraction and performance. Commentary on Fischer -- Author's response -- Subject index -- The series Benjamins Current Topics (BCT).

Sommario/riassunto

What counts as evidence in linguistics? This question is addressed by the contributions to the present volume. Focusing on the innateness debate, what is illustrated is how formal and functional approaches to linguistics have different perspectives on linguistic evidence.