

Luhrman, G.J. 2006. *Studies in humanist and rational grammar*. With the 1752 edition of Joannes Daniel van Lennep *Oratio inauguralis, de linguarum analogia, ex analogicis mentis actionibus probata*. Edited by Jan Noordegraaf and Frank Vonk. (= *Cahiers voor Taalkunde*, 23) Amsterdam: Stichting Neerlandistiek VU and Münster: Nodus Publikationen, xi, 100 + [56] pp. ISBN 90-73265-87-9 / 3-89323-529-9. € 30,25 (PB). [This is a collection of five essays by Dutch linguistic historiographer Hans Luhrman (1934-2004), edited by Jan Noordegraaf and Hans Vonk. A student of French and general linguistics at the University of Leiden, Luhrman spent his entire academic career at the University of Groningen linguistics department, where he specialized in the history of the humanist and rationalist grammar tradition. His voluminous 1984 dissertation on the theory of the verb in Pasius, Linacre and Scaliger (*C.L. Pasius, T. Linacer, J.C. Scaliger en hun beschrijving van het werkwoord. Een kritisch-vergelijkende studie omtrent XVIde eeuwse taalkundige theorievorming*) was regrettably written in Dutch, leaving much of Luhrman's erudition relatively inaccessible to the field of linguistic historiography. This is now to some extent remedied by this fine collection of papers, which includes an English summary of the dissertation (79-81). The other articles are: 'Julius Caesar Scaliger as the Metternich of sixteenth-century grammar' (1-14), 'Augustinus Saturnius Laza and his place in the grammatical tradition' (15-28), 'Erasmus and foreign language acquisition' (29-41), and 'Joannes Daniel van Lennep on the principles of language' (43-78). The latter paper, found in typescript among the author's *Nachlass*, is a groundbreaking study on a prominent representative of the Dutch 'Schola Hemsterhusiana', to which the editors have added two sections on the relation between Wilhelm von Humboldt and the Schola Hemsterhusiana. Luhrman's study includes an analysis of Van Lennep's 1752 University of Groningen inaugural address *De linguarum analogia, ex analogicis mentis actionibus probata*, which is reprinted in full as an appendix to this volume. Index of names, general bibliography, 5 illustrations.]

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