

Yoshio Ueno (Awarded with the 2015 ELSJ Prize)

It is a great honor to receive this year's book award. This was quite unexpected to me and I would like to express my deep gratitude to those who took part in the screening process.

The book, titled *An Automodular View of English Grammar*, was published by Waseda University Press in July, 2014 as the thirty-fifth volume of Waseda University Academic Series.

In this book, I analyzed the major "syntactic phenomena of English" that have been discussed in Generative Grammar literature. The analysis is couched in the latest version of Automodular Grammar (AMG), also known as Autolexical Syntax, that is presented in Jerrold M. Sadock's recent book, titled *The Modular Architecture of Grammar*, which came out in 2012 from Cambridge University Press.

One of the fundamental tenets of AMG is its claim that a grammar consists of several independent modules (including two semantic modules) and that syntactic phenomena are explained by interactions and innocuous mismatches between these modules without recourse to transformations. The lexicon, in which not only words and idioms, but also morphemes and constructions are stored in the same format, plays a very large role, thus forming the basis for the interface between the modules. AMG is similar to other non-derivational approaches to syntax such as GPSG, HPSG, LFG, and *Simpler Syntax*.

While I was writing this book, I always had in mind two pieces of advice that the late James D. McCawley gave me when I was a student at Chicago: the first was to learn not just one but several approaches to syntax and try to see how different approaches offer different toolkits to use and different sets of questions to answer and the second was that once you have decided which framework to use for your linguistic analysis, you must apply it thoroughly and consistently to as large a set of data as possible. Following Jim's first advice, this book is greatly influenced in various ways by the theories mentioned above. As for his second advice, I tried to explore the full potential of Jerry's latest formulation of AMG.

Of course, there are many places in the book that need improving and rethinking. I would like to pursue my AMG research by covering a wider range of data (including Japanese morphology and syntax) with an eye to refining the current framework in terms of its descriptive and explanatory power.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my friends who give me support and encouragement, to my teachers here in Japan who keep on giving me a lot of excitements through their lectures, papers, and books, and especially to my two mentors Jim and Jerry.