

Preface

The seeds of this volume were planted at the first retreat of DFG Research Unit *Cyclic Optimization* (FOR 5175) that took place on May 12-13, 2022 at Wilhelm Ostwald Park in Großbothen; in its present form, it originates in the subsequent workshop (*Strict*) *Cyclicity* at Leipzig University on June 15, 2022. The goals of this workshop were to identify and compare different conceptions of cyclicity in phonology, morphology, and syntax, to discuss known evidence against cyclicity, and to talk about the role cyclicity plays in individual analyses of linguistic phenomena. These are also the goals of the current volume.

The volume has three parts. Part I, *Conceptualizing Cyclicity*, considers existing approaches to cyclicity in grammar, their empirical coverage and necessity. Part II, *Exploring Evidence*, shows new analyses of non-trivial linguistic effects enabled by cyclicity, but also re-analyses of some well-known patterns that eliminate cyclicity. Finally, part III, *Removing Obstacles*, investigates counter-cyclic analyses and patterns and demonstrates how they can be reconciled with cyclicity.

