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The Secondary Predication Workshop 2020 was held online on October 24-25, 2020. The aim of this workshop was to investigate and explore the nature of secondary predication, which constitutes one of the backbones of natural-language syntax and semantics. Secondary predication comes in a wide variety of forms. Early research in theoretical linguistics shows a strong tendency to represent all forms of secondary predication uniformly. It has become clear in more recent years, however, that generalizations covering the entire spectrum of secondary predication constructions (including epistemic constructions, depictives, and resultatives) are less straightforward than previously thought, and that detailed investigation of the various subtypes, in both verbal and nominal environments, is of the essence in establishing a solid understanding of secondary predication. Insights can be gained by examining a single language in detail and/or through crosslinguistic comparisons among languages.

At the Secondary Predication Workshop 2020, a number of significant theoretical problems of secondary predication were approached from new Asian/non-European perspectives by looking into the details of the facts regarding secondary predication in Asian languages, in particular, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. The present volume includes six papers, which represent the outcome of the workshop. This workshop was planned in collaboration with a research mobility project between Japan and Hungary. We would like to thank the Hungarian project leader Marcel den Dikken and the project researcher Éva Dékány for their generous assistance in planning and organizing the workshop. We are also grateful to all the participants for lively and inspiring discussions at the workshop. The workshop and the publication of this volume are supported by JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Project (No. JPJSBP 120203802).

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