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Preface

The articles in this issue of *Wacana, Jurnal Ilmu Pengetahuan Budaya* Vol. 12 No. 2 (October 2010) concern linguistic discussions that centre on the theme "Lexicon and Semantics". They are the result of a cooperation between *Wacana* and linguists from amongst others the University of La Rochelle, the University of Sydney, Leiden University, the Islamic State University Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, and the University of Indonesia. Besides book reviews, this issue of *Wacana* also presents the texts of two inaugural lectures that were delivered at the University of Indonesia. The first lecture is by Yunita T. Winarto (Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia) who was appointed to occupy the chair of the Academy Professorship Indonesia in Social Sciences and Humanities on 4 March 2010. The second is the inaugural lecture Willem van der Molen (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies) delivered on 15 June 2010 when he accepted the position of Adjunct Professor in Old Javanese.