

# Introduction

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This volume presents a selection of the papers presented at the 4th edition of the Laboratory Approaches to Spanish Phonology Conference (LASP). The first two are plenary talks. Laura Bosch presents a review of the main results obtained in phonetic discrimination and categorization studies with Spanish-Catalan and also English-French bilingual infants. She summarizes current knowledge of their tuning to the specific categories in their ambient languages and discusses the role of different factors in bilinguals' phonetic categorization and phonological representation processes. José Ignacio Hualde examines the distribution of secondary stress in Spanish, especially in contexts that previous analysis have not examined, i.e., the syllable immediately preceding the lexical-stressed syllable of the word as in *rimános*. Prominence was conveyed by different acoustic cues on lexically stressed and secondarily-stressed syllables. The remaining papers are grouped into three topics: *bilingual speech* (O'Rourke, Ramon-Casas & Bosch, Simonet), *prosody* (Lee & Martinez-Gil & Beckman, Olson & Ortega-Llebaria, Rao, Velázquez), and *segments and clusters* (Amengual & Blanco, Colantoni & Marinescu, Henriksen & Willis, Mazzaro).

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