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The next issue of Language & History in 2012 (55.1) will be a special issue entitled:

‘Prescriptivism and Pronouncing Dictionaries: Past and Present’
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This special issue includes five papers originally presented at the ESSE 10 Seminar on ‘Prescriptivism and Pronouncing Dictionaries: Past and Present’ (Turin, Italy, 24-28 August 2010), which was convened by the guest editors.

All five papers in this issue move around the theme of the codification of the standard form of spoken English and the role played by dictionaries and dictionary compilers to that end. They address the issue from a diachronic perspective, from the eighteenth century to present-day EFL pronouncing dictionaries, looking also at the treatment of pronunciation in non-EFL dictionaries, i.e. monolingual dictionaries for the native-speaker target audience. Finally, they also make an important contribution to on-going debates concerning language prescriptivism, demonstrating as they do that this is by no means confined to the eighteenth century. Rather, it is shown that pronouncing dictionaries and dictionary makers have, throughout the past three centuries, constantly contributed to the regulation of linguistic behaviour.

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