This volume contains one of the first ever collections of studies pertaining to the novel discipline of Modern Diachronic Corpus-Assisted Discourse Studies (MD-CADS). This discipline is characterised by the novelty both of its methodology and the topics it is, consequently, in a position to treat. Until relatively recently, corpus-assisted modern diachronic studies have used relatively small corpora mainly to study developments in grammar. The MD-CADS described here instead employs relatively large corpora of a parallel structure and content from different moments of contemporary time in order to analyse and evaluate changes in modern language usage but also social, cultural and political changes as reflected in language, which is only possible with sizeable data-sets. Each chapter outlines a linguistic or sociolinguistic case-study and considerable attention is paid to describing the methodologies which might be fruitful for this sort of research.