

Message from the editor

Welcome to the December 2020 issue of *Language, Discourse & Society*, the journal of the [Research Committee 25 \(RC 25\)](#) of the [International Sociological Association](#). It is the final issue of my editorship. The articles included do not represent the exploration of a theme, instead they are submissions that reflect the various types of research being undertaken around the globe around the issue of language and its relationship to the use and distribution of power as well as studies of language that reveal how people use language to make their world. The research presented spans three continents and three nations Algeria, Spain, and the United States.

Ali Belaidi's study of the three main languages of Algeria forces us to contemplate the relationship of language to power in one nation when we examine language dominance due to coloniality of power in contrast to language dominance whose onset predates modernity. The study of the "conversation wall" by Mieko Yamada and Christopher LaFontaine shows how a "conversation wall" can serve as a site for people to use language to shape their world through their expressions about topical and personal issues, particularly those related to social statuses such as race, gender, sexual orientation, and disabilities. The article by Esperanza Morales-López and Ana Teberosky use critical discourse analysis to analyze the main texts of the educational reform, initiated in Catalonia in 2016, called *Escola Nova 21*.

I would like to thank the Journal's Editorial Board led by Stéphanie Cassilde for their support during my term as editor. I would also like to thank Maud Mazaniello-Chézol and Laura Odasso for their work in bringing this edition to publication.

Please also be on the lookout for upcoming Call for Papers; in particular, please be sure to check out the call for the December 2021 issue, whose theme is titled: "The Language of a Pandemic: COVID-19 discursive practice and social change."

It is unbelievable that the bulk of my time in this position has been spent under the shadow of a pandemic. I look forward to the entire globe being able to put the pandemic in the past.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy future,

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