

Message from the editor

Dear Readers, Contributors and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to introduce the June 2021 issue to you, and to play a small part in this wonderful scientific network we belong to together. It has been a challenging start for me in the role of the Chief Editor, as the transition to SCOPUS and the conquering of new indexing databases has been a priority, and the volume of submissions is greater than expected, demanding much of the co-editors and our expert peer-reviewers. I see these factors as a great opportunity to grow our peer-review network and to welcome new contributors and reviewers, across all continents and in a multitude of languages. We manage to find common ground in English, French and Spanish, the languages of our journal thanks to the ongoing contribution and support from our RC25 President, Dr Stéphanie Cassildé, Maud Mazaniello-Chézol and Laura Odasso for French, and Prof. Cecilio Lapresta for Spanish. I feel greatly supported by Dr Magdalena Lemanczyk, from the Polish Academy of Sciences and by Gatitu Kiguru and Phyllis W. Mwangi from Kenya. The book reviews section is currently run by Chika Kitano c/o Keiji Fujiyoshi, Japan.

I express my deepest gratitude to Dr Stéphanie Cassildé, who trained the new team and is constantly engaged and present in the journal's operations. The timely publication of this issue could not have been achieved without her immense contribution.

So now a few words about the content and the themes you will find in this issue. The current issue is enriched by an important thematic section related to current affairs and the COVID-19 pandemic. It was organized by Maud Mazaniello-Chézol our guest editor and Cecilio Lapresta, June's thematic editor. Please read the message from our guest editor to become familiar with the details of this thematic issue. The remaining 6 articles build the non-thematic section of the issue and pertain to a diversity of topics, starting with the Ghanaian political context and media discourse analysis, followed by discourse analysis concerning the issue of child labour in the Global South and South Asian Youth in Diaspora. These are followed by young Japanese adults' discourses about the future and the narratives of Polish female romance tourists from Poland to Egypt. Further, we find a move analysis in sports news and finally a psycho-linguistic contribution on self-regulation prediction through reflexivity modes within inner speech.

Furthermore, two interesting book reviews may be found. One dedicated to the linguistic and discursive aspects of female sexuality in public perception. The other gives us a unique opportunity to peek into the upcoming book, authored by one of our network's most prominent scholars, Prof. Celine-Marie Pascale. Her book entitled: "*Living on the Edge*", was reviewed by Ms Joanna Pawlowska from the Maria Grzegorzewska University in Poland.

The Editorial Board and I, wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes and the efforts of all involved in the editorial process, from researching and drafting papers, through submission process, the in-house and external double-blinded reviews, to editorial checks and the editing procedures.

We are proud to contribute to knowledge production within the sociology of language, socio and psycho-linguistics, linguistic and discursive aspects of education and public policy, political discourse, discourse analysis and more. We hope that you will find interesting concepts, themes and methodology that goes beyond the local and regional, but draws from the individualized experiences and local knowledge of the authors.

Our mission is to support equity of opportunity and to open dialog between scholars of diverse backgrounds and different levels of academic experience. Our mission is also to reflect and to evoke discussions on the role of language in our everyday life, our biases and social practices. We wish to build a strong community of scholars that feel safe, supported and welcomed, in order to reveal and extinguish unjust barriers and dominating discourses. We hope to widen and enrich our sources of knowledge and facilitate prompt and just exchanges of information about research outcomes in all parts of the world. We encourage references and sharing of important contributions produced in local languages. Although translation and summarizing the information in the languages we use for common ground may not give the sources the justice they deserve, and as we all know, it may carry misinterpretation and biases. However, we feel it is still of great importance to attempt this kind of knowledge sharing to open up to the linguistically excluded and to raise awareness of what is done in different cultures, in different regions in different languages that have historically been pushed to the periphery of science, silenced and have been absent from the dominant discourse. We want to hear these voices and give every opportunity to foster better access and inclusion.

We hope that the consecutive issues will grow in volume and that our development plans come to life. Amongst them, are the acquisition of DOI numbers, innovating the reference style and supporting international scientific events. Please join us in our important collaborative endeavour. We remain at your service.

With warm greetings to all RC25 members and beyond.

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