

Message from the Editor

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Dear Readers, Contributors and Reviewers,

Welcome to the December 2022 Volume 10, Number 2 of *Language Discourse and Society*, published by ISA since 2011 and indexed in SCOPUS since 2021.

This volume is non-thematic, yet fits perfectly within our language and discourse discussions, linked also to culture and education. For the last two issues we received a high volume of contributions, and the rejection rate was quite high, ranging from 30-40% at the initial desk evaluation by the Board members and a further 30% after the external expert peer reviews. There is a significant number of submissions still being processed as the availability of reviewers dropped dramatically in the last 3 years and often 10-12 requests are sent before a suitable expert reviewer is found and accepts the task. Therefore, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the reviewers, who did not decline our request and who dedicated their time to assessing and improving the papers we received. The list of reviewers for year 2022 is enclosed at the end of this issue.

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As you know all the editorial processes and reviews are done on a pro bono basis, which makes our journal quite unique in the competitive market of ‘knowledge production’. It relies on voluntary contributions of our community yet allows us to operate for free and in the fully open access model, fostering inclusion and inclusive knowledge sharing. These are the principles that ISA supports and the RC25 embodies. ISA was first established under UNESCO in 1949 and the current UNESCO guidelines for research and education are fully reflected in our operations and aspirations. Inspired by the vision of the 2030 Agenda and the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 4 aimed at ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for all, we seek to stimulate and promote an interdisciplinary dialogue focused on the

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role of language and discourse in local and global communities, building a structural and cultural scaffolding for the social norms and customs. We hope to create a safe, open, and critically aware space for revealing social practices based on language and reinforced through it. We encourage critical discourse analysis and semantic analysis as basic tools for gaining knowledge about political and ideological agendas, transmitted in verbal and written communication. Power relations, inclusive or exclusive language, assigning value and positioning through language practices are of great interest to our community. We invite linguists, sociologists, political analyst and educators to look at language, to look through the language lens and to create new discussions about our social worlds.

In this volume, you will find articles from Algeria, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Indonesia, Phillipines, Iraq, Poland and USA. We added some visual aids to help readers picture our diverse authorship and the diversity of our reviewers. This is a better representation of the balanced science, taking into consideration the symbolic horizontal divide into South and North. The balanced science is also reflected in the journal's policy and our membership community to promote missing discourses dominated by the global powers. Our authors reflect on tribal law, peacebuilding, language and religion, gendered language, language shift in traditional indigenous communities, linguistic plurality, political speeches, media discourses, literary classes, and finally recently published books that may be of interest to our community. The editors and the editorial board hope that the issue will be interesting to readers and engaging for scholars from interdisciplinary fields.

With regards,

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