

A Message from the Editor

Dear Readers, Contributors and RC25 Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to introduce the December 2023 issue to you, which is our 22nd LDS publication in the history of ISA RC25. You will find a thematic part, hand-picked and edited by Thulfiqar H. Altahmazi and Khalid Sh. Sharhan, titled: *Language as a Reflection of Social Practices and Values*, and a regular non-thematic part. Guest editors provide a comprehensive overview of the selection of articles 1-5, so I will not go into details about them.

Instead, I will focus on three articles in the non-thematic section and on the book reviews. Please also note that in December's issue we published the list of reviewers that contributed their expertise in the year 2023. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to them and to invite them to form a new permanent Review Board. As we adhere to double-blind external peer review procedures and there is an insufficient amount of RC25 members with Phd and above (minimum requirement to be a reviewer for LDS) it is my pleasure to announce that this new Review Board emerges to support our executive operations. Whilst the Editorial Board has to be limited to RC25 members in good standing, the Executive Review Board is a much wider, more inclusive project. In the current issue we find authors from the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. This shows our truly international approach and reach. We secured our continued cooperation with SCOPUS and I am pleased to announce that I will be representing our journal as the editor-in-chief for yet another turn (Q2 2027). I am honoured and pleased to serve the RC25 Executive Board and the community in this role. We have also gained a new editor, Dr Ewa Dąbrowa, who will be responsible for organizing DOI numbers for our papers; an improvement for the visibility.

Going back to the content of the non-thematic issue, I would like to bring readers' attention to the poignant and enlightening article by Prof. Mark Juszczak from St. Johns University in US, who delves into issues of epistemic injustice connected to the world's university rankings and the position of Eastern Europe in the discussion on centre and periphery of science. There is also a profound study of how Syrian refugee women see their images framed in the media. Finally, one may find Nigerian voices commenting on displacement and migration affected by COVID-19. By the end of this issue, I am pleased to include two book reviews. Books for review were identified as potentially interesting to our readers and procured during ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne 2023: *Sociology in Ecuador* by Philipp Altmann, and *The Oxford Handbook of Global South Youth Studies* edited by Sharlene Swartz, Adam Cooper, Laura Kropff Causa & Clarence Batan.

With warm greetings to all RC25 members authors, reviewers and readers,

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