

Message from the editor

This issue of *Language, Discourse & Society* is dedicated both to a thematic issue and to a varia section, renamed non thematic section for more clarity. The thematical part is presented below by Anna Odrowaz-Coates (The Maria Grzegorzewska University in Warsaw, Poland) and Sribas Goswami (Serampore College in West Bengal, India), guest editor for the call, entitled “Symbolic violence in socio-educational contexts. Language, power and ethnicity”.

Regarding the non thematic section, it counts three original articles. Nicole Trujillo-Pagan looks at the expression “self-deportation” to shed light on its use by the media, academics and political experts, and on its effect toward the implementation of the related public policies. Abdullahi Saleh Bashir and Umar Ahmed focuses on the news reports of “Bring Back Our Girls” campaign in Nigerian newspapers. This is enlightening toward how the campaign is dealt with within the context of its emergence. Finally, Eli Ayawo Atatsi and Benjamin Amoakohene analyse the level in spelling toward key terms in English by students of a Technical university because matching the right English words to their respective pronunciation toward a professional glossary help them in their various areas of work after school but also enhance their classroom work.

The December 2019 issue will be dedicated to “Political Discourse and Historical, Colonial and Neo-Colonial Regimes of Power”, co-edited by Gatitu Kiguru (Kenyatta University, Kenya) and Phyllis Mwangi (Kenyatta University, Kenya). The June 2020 issue will be dedicated to “Language Studies in a Decolonial Interpretative Key”, and is edited by Viviane de Melo Resende (University of Brazilia, Brazil).

The past years as editor in chief were extremely rewarding; I am thankful to the editorial board members, and especially to Federico Farini, who created *LD&S* in 2011, and Amado Alarcon, RC25 President at the time, who both entrusted the journal to me. *Language, Discourse & Society* is a central journal for the dissemination of research in the field of sociology of language, and sociolinguistics (with a huge weight put on the “socio” part), looking at language rather solely through it. It also has the specific feature of covering a diversity of linguistic and geographical areas beyond the usual borders, enabling a significant contribution to the investigation of the language issues toward the production and the dissemination of knowledge.

As announced in the previous issue, Natalie Byfield (St. John's University, USA) becomes the new Editor in Chief of *LD&S* on July 2019. I am looking forward to still supporting the journal under Natalie’s leadership, and to supporting her in this position. *Language, Discourse & Society* is in good hands!

Wishing you a vibrant and stimulating reading of this issue, with my best regards,

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