

## Call for Contributions to an Edited Volume on Language Ideology and Metalinguistic Discourse

### Introduction

Despite growing interest in language ideology and metalinguistic discourse (e.g., Mar-Molinero & Stevenson, 2006; Duchêne & Heller, 2007; Johnson & Tommaso, 2010; Hollington & Storch, 2016; Lane, Costa & De Korne, 2017; Gal & Irvine, 2019; Costa & Connor, 2019), most dedicated, wide-ranging volumes and journal special issues are from the turn of the century, some twenty years ago (Schieffelin, Woolard & Kroskrity, 1998; Blommaert, 1999; Kroskrity, 2000; Dirven, Hawkins & Sandikcioglu, 2001; Gal & Woolard, 2001; Blackledge & Pavlenko, 2002). Similarly, despite methodological advances, empirical research in this area tends to rely either on qualitative methods such as ethnography and content and thematic analyses or what can be termed “classic” corpus linguistic techniques (concordance, collocation, and keyword analyses). In addition, as in applied linguistics research more broadly, there is a tendency for different methodological approaches to be associated with different “camps” (e.g., qualitative versus quantitative), resulting in a limited overlap between them (see Walsh, 2021 for an exception to this trend). This has led to a gap in research that integrates diverse methods and approaches, impeding a comprehensive understanding of the complex nature of language ideology and metalinguistic discourse. This book aims to bridge the divide by bringing together a wide range of current methodological approaches in one volume, providing readers with a comparative insight and facilitating a more holistic understanding of the research in this area, as well as a more nuanced understanding of language ideology and metalinguistic discourse across a variety of sociolinguistic contexts.

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### **Call for contributions**

We are pleased to announce a call for contributions to an edited volume titled “Current Approaches to Language Ideology and Metalinguistic Discourse”, which aims to showcase the full range of methodological approaches currently in use in the study of language ideology and metalinguistic discourse (qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods studies of various theoretical persuasions).

We welcome proposals for chapters reporting on empirical studies of language ideology and/or metalinguistic discourse with (but not limited to) the following foci:

- Innovation in relevant existing qualitative and/or quantitative methods
- Integration of qualitative and quantitative methods into mixed-methods designs
- Multivariate modeling (e.g., exploratory factor analysis, cluster analysis, topic modeling)
- Comparative analysis of different methods for triangulation purposes
- Challenges and opportunities associated with different methods or theoretical models
- New and emerging discursive sites and multimodal discourse (e.g., video games, social media)
- Understudied languages and sociolinguistic situations (any approach)
- Novel theoretical insights issuing from empirical findings (any approach)

We encourage submissions from promising early-career researchers and/or those focusing on understudied, non-Western sociolinguistic contexts.

### **Submission guidelines**

Interested authors are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 350 words (excluding references), outlining the topic, research question(s), methodology, and relevance to the volume of their proposed chapter. Abstracts should be submitted via email as a single Word document by August 31, 2023. The proposed contributions should be original and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process. Contributions will be evaluated based on their originality, theoretical and methodological rigor, relevance to the volume's theme, and clarity of writing. Selected authors will be invited to submit full chapters (approximately 6000-8000 words) based on the accepted proposals.

### **Additional information**

- Expected publication in late 2024 by a leading international academic publisher
- Accepted contributions will require authors to sign a publication agreement
- Funding for open source publication of the entire volume may become available

## **Timeline**

- Abstract submission deadline: August 31, 2023
- Notification of abstract acceptance: September 15, 2023
- Volume proposal submission: October 15, 2023
- Draft chapters due: January 15, 2024
- Chapter reviews due: March 15, 2024
- Final draft deadline: April 15, 2024
- Volume submission: May 15, 2024
- Volume publication: November 15, 2024

## **Conclusion**

We look forward to receiving your proposals and exploring the diverse current methodological and theoretical perspectives on language ideology and metalinguistic discourse. All inquiries can be directed to Adnan Ajšić ([aajsic@aus.edu](mailto:aajsic@aus.edu); <https://adnanajsic.com>; <https://www.aus.edu/faculty/adnan-ajsic>; @AdnanAjsic). Thank you for considering this call for contributions to our edited volume.