

## Special Issue

# New Perspectives on Language Processing in Aging

### Message from the Guest Editor

Research on language in aging has evolved considerably over the past four decades, highlighting that aging affects language production more profoundly than comprehension. Recent studies underscore the importance of examining both microlinguistic (lexical and grammatical) and macrolinguistic (pragmatic and discourse-level) processes using ecologically valid tasks such as narrative production. The aim of this Special Issue is to deepen our understanding of oral language processing in aging populations, also considering the effects of neurodegenerative conditions or acquired brain lesions. We seek to highlight cutting-edge work that goes beyond traditional single-word or sentence-level tasks, favoring studies that explore language in context and examine the interplay between linguistic and cognitive skills. This collection encourages submissions using innovative methodological approaches, including multilevel discourse analysis, longitudinal designs, and the assessment of underlying cognitive factors such as working memory, executive functions, and Theory of Mind. We welcome empirical studies, reviews, and theoretical contributions that focus on oral language in healthy older adults.

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