

Special Issue

Usage-Based Approaches to Second Language Acquisition: Crosslinguistic Perspectives

Message from the Guest Editors

We are happy to invite contributions to a Special Issue of *Languages* on “Usage-Based Approaches to Second Language Acquisition: Crosslinguistic Perspectives”. In this Special Issue, our aim is to bring together scholars who utilize usage-based approaches to second language acquisition (SLA). Specifically, we invite articles that involve research that takes into account a crosslinguistic perspective of SLA. Our scope is intentionally broad, encompassing various topics that fall within this overarching theme. At the heart of usage-based approaches lies the belief that language knowledge is built upon actual language usage and the generalizations derived from these usage events (Bybee, 2010; Croft, 1991, 2001; Givón, 1995; Goldberg, 2005). In the field of first language acquisition, naturalistic and experimental studies have revealed that grammar develops as children construct linguistic patterns based on their analysis of recurring sequences of language, utilizing cognitive and sociocognitive abilities (Ambridge & Lieven, 2011; Dabrowska & Lieven, 2005; Theakston & Lieven, 2017; Tomasello, 2003)...

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