

## Special Issue

# Sociolinguistic Variation and Change: Focus on English as a Second and Foreign Language

### Message from the Guest Editor

I am happy to announce an invitation to contribute to a Special Issue of the journal *Languages*. This special issue aims to bring together research investigating sociolinguistic variation and change in those settings where English is acquired and subsequently put to use as a second and/or a foreign language. The special issue invites contributions that build on the Labovian tradition of variationist sociolinguistics and in so doing, expand it to those sociolinguistic contexts and environments in which English has traditionally performed the role of an additional language. Proposed articles will address the following topics:

- Systematic comparisons of structured variation across ESL and EFL English;
- Systematic comparisons of language attitudes across ESL and EFL English;
- Analyses of empirical ESL/EFL data within the framework of existing theoretical models of language change such as Labov 2007, Schneider 2007, Mair 2013, Buschfeld & Kautzsch 2017 and possibly others.
- Developing new theoretical frameworks that would inform our understanding of the language-internal and sociolinguistic mechanisms underpinning the global spread of English.

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