

Special Issue

Acoustic and Pragmatic Aspects of Speech

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue, “Acoustic and Pragmatic Aspects of Speech” invites contributions that explore the intricate relationship between the acoustic properties of speech and their pragmatic interpretation and linguistic function. We seek work that uses acoustic evidence to illuminate how speakers encode meaning, intention, information structure, and interactional goals, as well as how listeners interpret these cues in real communicative settings. Suitable topics include prosody and pragmatics, intonation and discourse structure, speaker intent, sociolinguistic variation (e.g. gender, dialect, identity), emotional expression, segmental and suprasegmental correlates of pragmatic functions, cross-linguistic and developmental perspectives, and acoustically grounded analyses of spoken language use. Submissions may employ experimental, corpus-based, or analytical approaches, but should remain accessible to a broad audience of phoneticians, linguists, and speech scientists, avoiding narrowly engineering-focused or highly technical signal-processing work.

Guest Editor

Prof. Dr. Noam Amir
Department of Communication Disorders, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv,
Israel

Deadline for manuscript submissions

1 October 2026



Languages

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 1.2
CiteScore 1.8



mdpi.com/si/270010

Languages
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
languages@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
languages](https://mdpi.com/journal/languages)





Languages

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 1.2
CiteScore 1.8



[mdpi.com/journal/
languages](https://mdpi.com/journal/languages)



About the Journal

Message from the Editorial Board

Languages (ISSN 2226-471X) is now in its eighth year since its inception in 2015. It is an Open Access journal which seeks to stimulate debates on key issues in languages and linguistics. We welcome papers at the cutting edge of different fields, ranging from applied linguistics to descriptive and theoretical linguistics. Submissions may consist of research articles and critical reviews as well as proposals for Special Issues where multi-disciplinary approaches and different perspectives on current issues are explored. We invite you to consider *Languages* as a forum for sharing your work.

Editors-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Anthony Pak-Hin Kong

1. Academic Unit of Human Communication, Learning, and Development (HCLD), The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2. Aphasia Research and Therapy (ART) Laboratory, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Prof. Dr. John Nerbonne

1. Faculty of Arts, University of Groningen, 9712 CP Groningen, The Netherlands
2. Faculty of Philology, Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, 79085 Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany
3. Words, Bones, Genes & Tools, DFG Center, University of Tübingen, 72074 Tübingen, Germany

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), ERIH Plus, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Linguistics) / CiteScore - Q1 (Language and Linguistics)