Special Issue

Interface between Sociolinguistics and Music

Message from the Guest Editors

This special Languages issue focuses on sociolinguistic analyses of language as used in recorded songs. The goal of this volume is to further our knowledge and deepen our understanding of the role of language features in artists' building of identities in performance. We welcome quantitative and qualitative sociolinguistic analyses of the production of a single artist (e.g., Jansen & Westphal 2017, Konert-Panek 2017, Loureiro-Rodríguez et al. 2018), or different performers (e.g., Trudgill 1983, O'Hanlon 2006, Duncan 2017). Submissions may focus on the production of phonetic variables (e.g., Trudgill 1983, Simpson 1999, Beal 2009; Gibson 2023), morphological features (e.g., Werner 2012, Moyna 2015), stylistic constructions and indexical expressions of authenticity (e.g., Eberhardt and Freeman 2015, Lin and Chan 2022,), or the role of code-switching (e.g., Lee 2004, Loureiro-Rodríguez 2017), among other topics. We welcome a diversity of approaches as well as submissions exploring under-researched musical genres and/or linguistic varieties.

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