Special Issue

An Acoustic Analysis of Vowels

Message from the Guest Editor

Acoustic analyses have long been used to investigate the characteristics of both normal and abnormal speech in a variety of languages and settings. Methods of acoustic analyses have been particularly useful for the study of vowels. In studies of second language (L2) speech, methods of acoustic analyses have been used to predict L2 vowel perception and production (e.g., Gilichinskaya and Strange, 2010; Escudero and Vasiliev, 2011; Elvin et al., 2021). Acoustic analyses have also been used to investigate vowel production among speakers with speech disorders (e.g., Kent and Rountrey, 2020; Swartz et al., 2022). The goal of this Special Issue is to bring together state-of-the-art articles that use various methods of acoustic analyses to investigate the realizations of vowels for a variety of purposes. Topics of interest for this issue are those which feature acoustic analyses of vowels and include but are not limited to investigations of new and innovative methods of acoustic analysis, acousticphonetic language descriptions, language variation and change, L2 speech research, speech disorders.

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