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Linguistics of Social Media

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue brings together current research grounded within a linguistics perspective (theoretical or variationist) and analysing language data from a variety of social media platforms with the goal of increasing understanding of how communication takes place in online social spaces. It is hoped that the collection of papers in this Special Issue will popularise the field of social media communication and bring together scholars who work on similar data but perhaps from different linguistics perspectives and use different methodologies. The insights gained from this body of work will showcase how concepts and theories from linguistics can be used to fruitfully increase our knowledge of this dynamic and ever-changing communication environment, while also challenging some of the prescriptive assumptions circulating in relation to it.

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