Special Issue

The Phonological Foundations of Language Acquisition: Variations in Babbling and Early Lexical Productions in Children Learning One or More Languages

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to guest edit a Special Issue of the online journal Languages on the topic of early phonological acquisition, examining prelinguistic speech production and early lexical development. We are interested in all factors that impact early speech development including sensory and cognitive factors, the role of adult input, and cross-linguistic interactions. Our goal is to publish a collection of articles on phonological acquisition that reflects new research findings and the innovative technologies used to conduct this research. We are happy to receive abstracts that describe development in single cases, groups from a single language, or comparisons of acquisition across several languages. Research participants that are developing typically as well as those that are developing atypically would be welcome. Abstracts that reflect the efficacy of new technologies in early speech research including simulations and comparisons across different sampling conditions will also be welcome. Tentative completion schedule:

- Deadline for initial abstract: 30 November 2025
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 31 December 2025
- Final manuscript deadline: 31 July 2026

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