Special Issue

Current Approaches to the Acquisition of Heritage Spanish

Message from the Guest Editor

The goal of the present issue is to showcase recent, cutting-edge work on the acquisition of heritage Spanish in contact with a majority language. We aim to bring together studies using state-of-the-art methodologies investigating heritage language development across various linguistics domains, including syntax, morphology, phonetics, semantics, pragmatics and sociolinguistics. The issue aims to supplement existing research on formal and sociolinguistic approaches to heritage language acquisition. Cross-sectional studies examining school-age bilingual children (child heritage speakers) are especially welcomed. Topics can include but not restricted to:

- Crosslinguistic influence, language exposure and usage, lexical development
- Protracted development, child L1 attrition, grammatical restructuring, bilingual alignments
- Linguistic attitudes, motivations, and degree of familism
- Language prestige, ethnolinguistic vitality, community characteristics

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