

Series Foreword

As the President of Chukyo University English Linguistics Society, it is an honor to once again write the Foreword for the current volume, the fourth in the series.

Chukyo University English Linguistics Society (CUELS) is an extension of the World Englishes and Business Major (国際英語キャリア専攻), which was created in 2014 within the College of World Englishes. This issue coincides with the occasion of the graduation of our fourth cohort of students from the major.

We are happy to have this journal to represent the values upon which the major was established, as expressed in our commitment to a program and curriculum that strive to develop true 'language professionals': students who have a deep knowledge of language, including such aspects as sophisticated use of English for business, and translation, as well as for those planning a career in the field of English education.

Among the five original full-time faculty members, three are from the field of theoretical linguistics (Professors Adachi, Nakagawa and Matsumoto), and two from the field of World Englishes and Applied Linguistics (Professors D'Angelo and Morrison). As such, we welcome papers in various areas of Linguistics, as well as those related to pluralistic views of English in the world today, and to various practical aspects of language pedagogy.

The journal thus has a multi-faceted mission: to publish high-level papers on linguistics-related topics, to provide a forum for full and part-time faculty to share their research and ideas, and also to provide the abstracts of all the current year's graduation theses, as well as one full sample thesis.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the journal for years to come, and look forward to your feedback and contributions to this and future issues. My special gratitude goes to Professor Naoshi Nakagawa, for his unfailing dedication to the major and his work in establishing our academic society, and to Professor Yousuke Matsumoto, for his fine work as editor-in-chief of the journal.

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