

Call for Papers: WLG Special Issue “Navigating methodological landscapes: Reflexive insights from Applied Linguistics”

This special issue of *Wiener Linguistische Gazette (WLG)* invites submissions featuring methodological reflections from work within Applied Linguistics. Embedded in an interdisciplinary field that encompasses diverse dimensions of language use and communication in real-life contexts, this special issue explores the research methods employed particularly by early-career scholars. As emerging academics, PhD students play an essential role in shaping the future of the field by engaging in new and often challenging empirical pursuits. This special issue therefore provides *a platform for doctoral students to share their reflections, shedding light on the methodological considerations, successes, and challenges encountered in their studies*. Through their contributions, the authors can delve into the intricacies of their methodological approaches, discussing the rationale behind their choices, the difficulties they face, and the lessons they learn. This special issue thereby aims to foster a supportive community, encouraging emerging scholars to critically reflect on their methodological journeys.

To this end, we also invite the contributors to join a *dedicated reading workshop* prior to the issue’s publication. In the interactive environment of the workshop, authors will have the opportunity to present their work-in-progress manuscripts (10-15 pages), discuss salient methodological aspects of their work, and receive feedback from their peers and experienced Applied Linguistics scholars. The workshop will feature short presentations and panel discussions focused on refining the participants’ manuscripts, which can then be submitted for publication. The event will be held on-site at the Department of Linguistics in Vienna, and participation is a prerequisite for submissions to the special issue as the workshop’s discussions will constitute a key part of the peer review process.

Topics of interest for this special issue include, but are not limited to:

- Reflexive accounts of the researcher’s positionality and its impact on interview dynamics and data interpretation
- Theoretical and conceptual frameworks guiding the use of interviews in Applied Linguistics research
- Methodological considerations and challenges in conducting interviews with diverse participant populations
- Analytical techniques, statistical approaches, and data modeling in quantitative research
- Mixed methods: Synergistic adoption of quantitative and qualitative methods in Applied Linguistics
- Technology-mediated research methods: Exploring the role of digital tools, data analysis software, and online data sources in Applied Linguistics research
- Innovative approaches to interpretive data analysis (e.g., dynamic combinations of analytical tools, problematizations and/or novel applications of established frameworks)

We welcome original research articles, reflections, and case studies that provide valuable insights into the complexities of navigating the diverse methodological landscapes of studies in Applied Linguistics. Co-authored submissions are also accepted; each individual author may submit a maximum of one sole-authored and one co-authored paper.

All interested doctoral students are invited to get in touch with the editors via email at the addresses given below. Early inquiries and informal expressions of interest are welcome and strongly encouraged.

Important dates & practical information

15.07.2023 – Abstract submission

Please write to carina.lozo@univie.ac.at and vinicio.ntouvlis@univie.ac.at including:

- a short introduction (name, affiliation, focus of your project);
- a preliminary title for your contribution;
- an abstract (100-150 words).

01.08.2023 – Notification of acceptance

You will receive an initial decision for your contribution based on the review of the abstracts. The authors of abstracts accepted at this stage will be invited to submit an early manuscript draft and participate in the reading workshop.

15.09.2023 – Deadline for early manuscript submissions

Please submit early drafts of your manuscripts (10-15 pages, excluding references, 12pt Serif font, 1.5 spacing).

27. - 28.09.2023 – Reading workshop

The programme and composition of the panels will be announced in due course. All contributors should expect to also act as discussants on another submission.

03.11.2023 – Deadline for revised manuscript submissions

With kind regards,

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