



Explorations in Linguistic Controversies



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Call for Papers

Language controversies have been the focus of much debate in recent studies (Lobin, 2021; Jabeen, Chandio & Qasim, 2020; Progovac, 2019). Bouchard (2018) proposes that controversies in applied linguistics are the result of clashes between different theoretical approaches. Research-based debates on the nature of language acquisition, the extent and influence of L1 on L2, the relationship between language and thought, the existence of universal grammar, the role of language in society and culture, and the accuracy of machine translation, are but a few examples. Widely debated topics are perceived to attract more arguments, possible theories and innovative interpretations.

The Centre for Applied Linguistics Research (CALR) at the Arab Open University, invites linguists and researchers to probe into an area of language controversy in an attempt to find threads within and across disciplines that can clarify the area under investigation and ultimately present studies that can contribute to new forms of knowledge. Researchers are invited to present working papers, research articles and case studies on:

- Controversies over the nature of language acquisition
- Bilingual/multilingual policies and practice
- Any evidence on the first language affecting second language proficiency
- The relationship between language and thought
- Language, media texts and interpretation
- The existence of universal grammar
- The role of language in society and culture
- Accuracy in machine translation
- Other language related controversies

Notes for authors

Submissions should be made in English, using APA version 7 format, 2020 edition.

Abstract should be 300-400 words and full paper 5000 words.

Submissions should be made to CALR @aou.edu.lb

Important deadlines

Abstract submission should be received by Monday July 29, 2024.

Full paper submission should be received by Friday September 27, 2024.

Submissions will be double blind reviewed.

Selected submissions will be included in CALR Linguistic Journal, vol.15, due on December 2024.

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