

Editor's Note

In volume 9 of Journal of English Studies, we are delighted for the opportunity to serve as an outlet for scholars who represent diversity in the field of English studies. We received papers and a book review exploring a range of topics including World Englishes, psycholinguistics, applied linguistics and phonetics.

The first two papers in this volume explore the changing landscapes of English in two regions of the world. Andy Kirkpatrick considers the impacts of English as a lingual franca in East and Southeast Asia, especially on teaching and assessment. In the second paper, Abdullahi-Idiagbon, M.S discusses the unique structures and usage of English adopted as the official language of transactions among Nigerians of different ethnic and racial backgrounds, and calls for more recognition of this variety of English.

Our last two papers focus on factors affecting second language learners' reading comprehension. Sirirat Na Ranong presents strategies that L2 learners employed in processing and comprehending English idiomatic expressions, and discusses theoretical and pedagogical implications of her findings. In the last paper, Phanitphim Sojisirikul and Shannoy Vasuvatuse an English-Thai sentence translation task to identify reading comprehension problems that L2 students experienced as a result of their inadequate understanding of English sentence structures.

This volume ends with a comparative review of the first and third editions of Keith Johnson's book titled "Acoustic & Auditory Phonetics", by Rungpat Roengpitya. With a clear analysis of the contents and structures of both editions, the book review will certainly benefit those who are particularly interested in English sound system.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the authors for their contributions to the field of English language studies. We are also truly grateful for our reviewers whose expertise and devotion have enabled us to maintain our goal to serve as an avenue for quality scholarly work. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University for the generous funding we have continuously received.

As always, we hope that our readers find their time well spent with the Journal, where we continually strive to publish forward-thinking research in English language studies.

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