

## Note from the Editor

The Editorial Committee of Thammasat University's *Journal of Studies in the Second Language* is pleased to present the second issue of Volume 17 (July - December 2022). As per issue 1 of Volume 17, this issue once again includes three papers authored by distinguished scholars working in Thai universities and one international scholar.

Our first paper is authored by a team of scholars from Thammasat University (Apisak Pupipat and Titirut Rungkaew) and Ubon Ratchathani (Lampoon Meeparp). In their research article, the three authors explore the registerial features of book blurbs, or, in layman's terms the sales pitch that is found on the back cover of a book. By comparing the features of classic book blurbs to mass-market books blurbs, the authors highlight a number of key differences in the linguistic features between the two genres, and base their interpretations on the text linguistic work of Douglas Biber and associates.

Our second paper is a discussion piece from Phakhawadee Chaisiri from Khon Kaen University in the North of Thailand. In her well-developed treatise of translanguaging and its application in English language teaching (ELT) classrooms, Chaisiri is keen to point out its merits and potential as a pedagogical tool in ELT classrooms. Moreover, by highlighting key works of the last twenty years, she clearly establishes the need for more research into translanguaging practices and applications in the context of Thailand.

The third paper in this issue is another empirical study looking at language choices in texts. Only this time, the texts are newspaper headlines, and the focus is the language of representation. Drawing on Halliday's Systemic Functional Grammar (notably choices in Transitivity at the level of the clause) and van Leeuwen's complimentary view of participants' roles as social actors (choices at the phrasal level), the authors highlight how choices in the systems of Nomination and Physical Identification are used to differentiate between the victims of rape and the perpetrators of rape.

Our final paper is authored by Xinrui Wang, an international PhD student at Thammasat University. Wang provides an informative and critical review of the book, *Interculturality and the Political within Education*, by Fred Dervin and Ashley Simpson. In her review, she is careful to balance praise with criticism, yet also provides useful information for prospective readers, especially from the perspective of an Eastern scholar.

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