

Editorial

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The aim of this article is to provide some guidelines for prospective contributors of this journal. GEMA Online™ Journal of Language Studies is an internationally refereed scholarly online journal published by UKM Press. The journal is a venue for language researchers and practitioners to share theories, views, research results and classroom practices in these areas:

- Linguistics; cross-cultural linguistic research and theory, and applied linguistics. All branches of linguistics study on languages and cultures of Asia and the Pacific Rim area.
- Teaching of English as second or foreign language.
- Literature; postcolonial literature from or on Asia and the Pacific Rim, Asian literature in English.
- Teaching of other languages, particularly the teaching of languages from the Southeast Asia region.
- Language learning and technology.
- Research methods in language studies.

Articles on theories and practices including those on discussions of and reflections on methods, techniques and ideas useful in the classroom are also welcomed.

The journal accepts articles in English and Malay, which are between 3,500 to 5,000 words in length excluding references, tables and figures. A submitted article, which is too short or too long, will not be considered. It needs to have a title, author(s) name(s), author(s) e-mail address(es) and name of institution(s) including the department.

An abstract should follow, written with a maximum number of 250 words. It should be quite detail following this order: introduction, methodology, results and discussion. Author(s) should state 5 keywords below the abstract. An article in Malay should have a title, abstract and keywords in English.

After the main text, an acknowledgement should be added especially if the research undertaken is funded by a grant.

References should use APA style except for Malay, Chinese and Indian names. It is the responsibility of the author(s) to make sure that all references are cited and follow APA style. References that are not cited must be removed from the list. Some of the references should be current i.e. within the last five years.

We expect authors would have read previous published articles in GEMA Online™ Journal of Language Studies. Citing these articles is encouraged because it shows that

authors are aware of the ‘conversations’ and discussions that have appeared in this journal. It also ensures that articles submitted are within the scope of the journal.

At the end of the article, authors should insert their own biodata (a maximum of 50 words for each author). The biodata will be removed when we send the paper to reviewers. The first author can suggest up to four names of reviewers who are expert in the area, including their institutional address, postcode and e-mail address. The first author (corresponding author) must declare in a cover letter that the submitted paper has not been published before and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The paper needs to be submitted to jgema@ukm.my and cc to adi@ukm.my as an attachment file in Microsoft Word with tables and figures embedded in the text. The text should use Times New Roman with font 12. Check with the most current published paper for formatting.

Once a paper is submitted and complies with our requirement, we will solicit agreement from experts to review the paper. The process is double blind i.e. the author does not know who have reviewed the paper and vice versa. A minimum of two reviewers will evaluate one paper.

A reviewer is usually given four weeks to review and when both reviewers have sent in their comments, a co-editor will notify the author through e-mail. The next step lies with the author, i.e. revision process. The sooner the revised paper is received (through e-mail), the better chance it will be published in the next coming issue.

This year marks our **10th year of publication**. Starting from 2010, we are going to publish 3 issues a year.

We would like to thank our readers and contributors, who have been with us from the first published issue i.e. volume 1, 2001. Our deepest gratitude goes to our reviewers, editorial board and advisors, past and present.

Enjoy reading!

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