

Preface

The AILA 60th Anniversary World Congress was held at the KLCC Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur on August 11-16, 2024. This landmark event was hosted by the Malaysian Association of Applied Linguistics (MAAL, <https://maal.org.my/>), an affiliate of the International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA, <https://aila.info/>). AILA has a large membership of more than 8000 members—researchers, practitioners, and policy makers active in the field of Applied Linguistics from different corners of the world. This, coupled with the organising committee’s hard work and Malaysian hospitality, resulted in a remarkably successful event.

Applied Linguistics is an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary field of research and practice dealing with practical problems of language and communication. With the theme of ‘Linguistic Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Sustainability’, the AILA congress provided a top-notch stage for experts to share their research insights and be inspired by other presenters as they delved into the latest breakthrough trends in Applied Linguistics. The papers you are about to read in this proceedings showcase the studies presented at the AILA 60th Anniversary World Congress. The papers come from diverse research contexts and from different corners of the world in areas such as Cognitive Linguistics, Corpus and Data-Driven Linguistics, Critical Applied Linguistics, English for Specific Purposes and Professional Communication (ESP/LSP), Educational Linguistics and Language Education, Intercultural Communication, Language Assessment and Testing, Multilingualism and Translanguaging Studies, Pragmatics and Discourse Studies, Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics, Second Language Acquisition (SLA), Sociolinguistics, and Technology-Enhanced Language Learning (CALL/TELL/MALL). We expect that these papers will play a significant role in shaping the future of language studies.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to UPM Press and the team at Pertanika for making the publication of these papers a reality. We are also grateful to our sponsors, collaborators, presenters, and organising committee members for their hard and sincere work that made the congress a success. Finally, we appreciate our international team of reviewers, who patiently evaluated the manuscripts, often across several rounds, to ensure their high quality. The AILA 60th Anniversary World Congress proceedings bring together and showcase all these invaluable contributions.

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