

Editorial

# Formal and Methodological Approaches to Applied Linguistics (*Languages* Special Issue)

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This Special Issue, entitled Formal and Methodological Approaches to Applied Linguistics, brings together recently published papers on various aspects of applied linguistics presented at the AESLA37 (Spanish Society of Applied Linguistics) conference in Valladolid held on 27–29 March 2019. This issue aims to provide a better understanding of different aspects of language and to share new insights into theoretical and practical aspects in the field. It does so by addressing the study of language in its different dimensions and areas of applicability through the use of multiple methodologies and formal accounts as used by researchers in the field.

This Special Issue contains contributions from the following areas related to applied linguistics: language acquisition and language learning; language for specific purposes; language psychology, child language and psycholinguistics; sociolinguistics; discourse analysis; corpus linguistics; and lexicology and lexicography.

We are certain that the papers published in this volume offer a clear insight into the topics currently being dealt with, both from a theoretical and practical perspective, within the field of applied linguistics. Together, they provide a good example of how research on language and languages in contact are developing at present.

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