

J-SLA Newsletter (July and August 2018)

I hope this newsletter finds you very well.

We have a very hot summer this year. May I wish you all your good health.

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1. The annual conference of the Japan Second Language Association (J-SLA 2018) (report)

J-SLA 2018 was held on 16th and 17th, June 2018 at Gakushuin University. The actual numbers of regular and student participants were 106 and 61, respectively.

The numbers of submissions and acceptances are as follows:

Submission for presentation (except for the student workshop): 57

Submission for the student workshop: 11

Numbers of acceptances: Oral presentation 12; Poster presentation 20

Acceptance rates: Oral Presentation: 21%; Oral and Poster Presentation: 56%

2. J-SLA 2018 Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation

Based on a rigorous process of examination, the J-SLA 2018 Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation was given to the following presentation:

Mari Miyao (Kyoto Women's University), Amy Schafer (University of Hawai'i) & Bonnie D. Schwartz (University of Hawai'i). "On integrating syntax and discourse in the L2 production of English referential expressions"

This award will be formally presented to the authors at the opening of the Autumn Research Forum 2018.

3. Call for Papers: *Second Language*

Second Language is the research journal of the Japan Second Language Association. It is published annually, and only members of the association are eligible to contribute. The deadline for paper submission in 2018 is September 30th. For more information, please visit the following webpage.

<http://www.j-sla.org/en/journal/>

4. A summary of access to *Second Language*

The journal *Second Language* is also available online via J-STAGE. Below is last month's overview.

★Most viewed articles in June 2018

Rank	Article	Volume, starting page
1	Critical Period hypothesis on Language Acquisition	3, 3
2	Linguistic Theory and Second Language Classroom Research: The Effectiveness of Explicit Instruction	16, 39
3	A Processability Theory (PT)-based Analysis of the Acquisition of Japanese Morphology and Syntax: A Case of an Intensive Adult Learner	12, 21
4	Do English Learners of Japanese Produce Isolated Nouns with Standard Japanese Lexical Accent?	10, 15
5	Why Do We Need a Linguistic Theory to Describe Learners' Behaviors?	12, 81

Access ranking by country and region in June 2018

Rank	Countries/Regions	Access to bibliographic items	Access to PDFs
1	Japan	257	168
2	North America (USA, etc.)	40	19
3	East Asia (China, etc., excl. Japan)	37	44
4	West Europe (England, etc.)	4	19
5	Southeast Asia (Indonesia, etc.)	1	4
	Others	1	6
	Total	340	260

Analysis by the person in charge, and his message

- Some articles from earlier volumes appear near the top of the ranking, probably because some time has passed since the most recent volume appeared.
- The count of access to bibliographic items increased from April (312) to June (340). We expect that access to PDF files will also increase.
- The count of access to bibliographic items from Japan increased from April (189) to June (257) while that from abroad decreased.

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We would like to invite all members to make better use of the articles in *Second Language* for studying previous research.

Note. The ranking published in the last newsletter (June 2018) was based on information exclusively available in Volume 8, published at the time that Second Language first became accessible through J-STAGE, and onward. The ranking 'Most viewed articles in June 2018' in this volume is based on information from Volume 1. The other ranking 'Access ranking by country and region in June 2018' is based on Volume 8 and onward. The most recent ranking can be checked at:

<https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/secondlanguage/-char/ja>

5. Autumn Research Forum 2018

Autumn Research Forum 2018 will be held as follows, and the abstracts of the presentations will be uploaded to the website soon:

Website: <http://www.j-sla.org/event/2018> 年 j-sla 秋の研修会-2/

Date and Time: October 28th (Sun), 2018; 10:40-17:30

Venue: Doshisha University, Karasuma Campus, Shikokan Room 110
(<https://bit.ly/2LD0ls9>)

Information regarding public transportation to the Venue is available at:

<https://www.doshisha.ac.jp/en/information/campus/imadegawa/karasuma.html>

Theme : The acquisition of articles (DPs)

Registration opens at 10:30

10:40-11:40: Neal Snape (Gunma Prefectural Women's University)

11:50-12:50: Kook-Hee Gil (University of Sheffield)

12:50-13:50: Lunch break :

13:50-14:10: The Second General Business Meeting in 2018

14:10-14:50: Mutsumi Ogawa (Nihon University)

14:50-15:30: Kazumi Yamada (Kwansei Gakuin University)

15:30-16:10: Shigenori Wakabayashi and Takayuki Kimura (Chuo University)

16:20-17:30: Round Table Panel discussion (all presenters)

Language: English

Fee: JPY1,000 (for members and non-members, students and faculty)

6. The Second General Business Meeting

The Second General Business Meeting will be held at the venue of the Autumn Research Seminar from 13:50-14:10. The audit report for FY2017 and the events during FY2019 will be the topics, among others. All J-SLA members are welcome to participate.

Thank you very much for reading this long newsletter.

We hope you will have a productive summer, and we await your contribution of an article to *Second Language*. Our Autumn Research Seminar will be theme-based from this year. Those who carry out research on English articles and noun phrases, as well as those who do not, are most welcome. Sharp and critical questions and comments will be highly appreciated. They will help to deepen all of our understanding of this area. We are looking forward to seeing you during the beautiful autumn season in Kyoto.

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