

J-SLA Newsletter (July and August 2018)

I hope this newsletter finds you very well.

We had a very hot summer this year. May I wish you all the best of health.

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1. J-SLA Autumn Seminar

Venue: Doshisha University, Karasuma Campus, Shikokan Room 110

(<https://bit.ly/2LD0ls9>)

* Access to Karasuma Campus

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

Please note that the venue is NOT at the Imadegawa Campus which is located immediately adjacent to the subway station. In order to reach the meeting site, please exit on the ground level, passing by the Ryoshin-kan (良心館) Building on your right, and continuing to walk further for several minutes to the Karasuma Campus, and then you will reach the venue Shikokan (至高館) on the right.

Date: October 28 (Sun), 2018 10:40 ~ 17:30 (with Registration from 10:30)

Theme : The acquisition of articles (DPs)

10:30 Registration opens

10:40-11:40 The acquisition of articles (DPs): The story so far

Neal Snape (Gunma Prefectural Women's University)

11:50-12:50 (Bare) plural DPs and L2 acquisition: From generics to mass/count distinction and plurality

Kook-Hee Gil (University of Sheffield)

12:50-13:50 Lunch break

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

14:10 – 14:50 The count-mass distinction and English articles

Mutsumi Ogawa (Nihon University)

14:50 – 15:30 Accounting for article interpretation in L2 English by L1 Japanese adult and child learners

Kazumi Yamada (Kwansei Gakuin University)

15:30 – 16:10 Articles, telicity, and lexical transfer

Shigenori Wakabayashi and Takayuki Kimura (Chuo University)

16:20 – 17:30 Round-table Panel Discussion (all presenters)

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

◆For more information, please contact Shigenori

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2. The Second General Business Meeting 2018

The Second General Business Meeting will be held amid the Autumn Seminar from 13:50-14:10. The audit report for FY2017 and for events during FY2019 will be on the agenda, among other items. All J-SLA members are encouraged to participate.

3. A summary of on-line access to *Second Language*

The journal *Second Language* is also available online via J-STAGE. Below is an overview for August.

★Most viewed articles in August 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	The Role of Universal Semantic Features in L2 English Article Choice by L1 Japanese Speakers	15, 31
4	Acquisition of Yo-on (Japanese contracted sounds) in L1 and L2 phonology	3, 27

★Access ranking by country and region in August 2018

Rank	Countries/Regions	Access to abstracts	Access to PDFs
1	Japan	180	108
2	East Asia (China, etc., excl. Japan)	69	56
3	North America (USA, etc.)	68	42
4	West Europe (England, etc.)	4	6
5	North Europe (Denmark, etc.)	1	7
	Others (Australia, Indonesia, Iran)	5	5
	Total	327	224

Data provided by the person in charge, along with his message:

○ The number of times the journal was accessed decreased from July (390) to August (327). This might be partially related to the fact that our society members were busy attending a variety of academic events during the summer break.

○ Please note that the third most viewed paper in August is about English articles, the theme of the upcoming J-SLA Autumn Seminar.

○ Access from China, Korea, and Taiwan has increased since the previous month.

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We would like to encourage all J-SLA members to make more extensive use of the articles in *Second Language*.

5. Information on the J-SLA website

Information about job openings and upcoming conferences etc. are posted in the NEWS section of our website. We would like to post news relevant to our members' research there, so if you have any such news, please send it to the J-SLA office.

<swkbys37[at]tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp>. A simple review of content is necessary in accordance with our foundation principles and our public relations committee; as a result, some information may not be posted to the website.

Current information from our 'NEWS'

【Academic Conferences (Only those with an abstract submission deadline in 2018. Additional information is available on the J-SLA website)】

• 22-24 March 2019. Reno, Nevada (USA) 【abstract submission deadline: 2 November 2018】

XV Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference

• 23-28 June 2019. Edmonton, Alberta (Canada) 【abstract submission deadline: 15 October 2018】

International Symposium on Bilingualism 12 (ISB12)

• 17-19 June 2019. Jyväskylä, Finland 【abstract submission deadline: 5 November 2018】

Thinking, Doing, Learning: Usage based perspectives on second language learning (TDL4)

• 1-3, July, Cambridge, UK 【abstract submission deadline: 25 December 2018】

Acquisition of Chinese: Bilingualism and Multilingualism

【Miscellaneous】

• Open seminar, Institute of Cultural Science, Chuo University

<https://sites.google.com/site/hirakawakaken/events>

Date: Sat 10 November 2018

Time: 15:15~18:00

Venue: Room No. 2, 4th floor, Building No. 2, Tama Campus, Chuo University

15:15-16:15

Chariya Prapobratanakul (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, Visiting Scholar, Chuo University) “Variability of English Past Tense Morphology by L1 Thai Learners and L1 French Learners”

16:30~18:00)

Roumyana Slabakova (University of Southampton, UK) “Are Pronouns Difficult Words?”

※No pre-registration necessary.

※Language: English

※Informal reception will be held after the second talk. All participants are invited (free).

• Call for Applications for Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, 2019-20

• Purdue University: MA program in Japanese Pedagogy and Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics concentrating on Japanese (Japanese page only)

• National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics: Collaborative Research Projects (Japanese page only)

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Autumn seminar. Please invite your colleagues to join us, too.

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