

## J-SLA Newsletter (September 2018)

I hope this newsletter finds you very well.

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

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### 1. Call for Papers: *Second Language*

The deadline for submissions in 2018 is **September 30<sup>th</sup> for the next issue**.

*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. For more information, please visit the following webpage.

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

### 2. 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>)

Take Karasuma Subway Line to Imadegawa Station; go out Exit 1 and walk north up Karasuma-dori. A five-minute walk.

Date: October 28 (Sun), 2018 10:40 ~ 17:30 (Registration opens at 10:30)

Theme : The acquisition of articles (DPs)

Reception opens at 10:30

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

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 Wakabayashi (swkbys37[[@](mailto:)]tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp)

<Message from the Autumn Seminar organizer>

After record-breaking heat and so many typhoons during this summer, we hope for a calmer autumn, especially for the weekend of the autumn J-SLA seminar, where we hope to see many of you. Autumn in Kyoto itself is appealing, but what makes it extra alluring is the chance to listen to what promises to be thought-provoking talks by Kook-Hee Gil, Neal Snape, Kazumi Yamada, Mutsumi Ogawa, Shigenori Wakabayashi and Takayuki Kimura. The topic is the acquisition of articles (DPs), and even if you do not know much about this area of research, now is your chance to get up-to-speed with recent proposals and L2 studies.

### **3. 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.

### **4. A summary of access to *Second Language***

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

★Most viewed articles in July 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	Lexical Facility: Bringing Size and Speed Together	16, 5
4	Background and Vocabulary Knowledge as a Factor for Text Comprehension in Second Language	4, 51
	Asymmetry of Subjects and Objects in Japanese Speakers' L2 English	2, 53

★Access ranking by country and region in July 2018

Rank	Countries/Regions	Access to abstracts	Access to PDFs
1	Japan	305	166
2	North America (USA, etc.)	49	12
3	East Asia (China, etc., excl. Japan)	28	16
4	South Asia (India, etc.)	3	9
5	West Europe (England, etc.)	3	6
	Others (Thailand, Denmark, Czech Republic, Israel)	2	8
	Total	390	218

Analysis by the person in charge, and his message

- The number of times the journal was accessed increased from June (340) to July (390).
- The article ranked third and fourth switched around. The top five articles covered a variety of topics in L2 research.
- Accesses from India, Thailand, Czech Republic and Israel were newly identified.

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

## 5. Information on the J-SLA website

Information about job calls and upcoming conferences etc. are posted at the NEWS section of our website. We would like to post news relevant to our 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 review is necessary, based on our foundation principles and public relations committee; as a result, some information may not be placed on the website.

Current information from our 'NEWS'

### 【Job position】

University of Hyogo (Japanese page only)

【Academic Conferences (Only those whose abstract submission deadline is by the end of 2018. Other information is available on the J-SLA website)】

- 22-24, March 2019. University of Nevada Reno, USA.

【abstract submission deadline: 2 November, 2018】

XV Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference

- 23-28 June 2019. Canada 【abstract submission deadline: 15 October 2018】

International Symposium on Bilingualism 12 (ISB12)

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

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

### 【Miscellaneous】

- 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)

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The deadline for submissions to *Second Language* is getting close. We await your contributions. J-SLA Autumn Seminar will be theme-based from this year. 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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