

EDITORS' NOTE

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With Issue 5, Volume 54, we are very pleased to be publishing the special issue of 2025, entitled *Anthropocenic Landscapes: Space and Semiosis in Planetary Crisis*, guest-edited by Sean Smith. The issue includes an introduction by Sean Smith, six articles and concludes with a commentary by Kellie Gonçalves. It provides a critical understanding of the idea of the 'Anthropocene' in relation to the study of space and semiosis, offering new theoretical and methodological frameworks for sociolinguistic scholarship in a time of planetary crisis.

In this issue, we are also publishing an article that is not connected to the theme of the special issue, 'Heritage language recognition: The multimodal construction of language in a Tibetan-Canadian family's literacy activities' by Shannon Ward. It is with great sadness that we inform our readers that Shannon passed away on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Because of some technicalities connected to *Language in Society* becoming open access in 2026, it was necessary for Shannon's article to be published in 2025. In memory of Shannon, we publish this article and a review of her recent book from University of Toronto Press, *Amdo Lullaby: An Ethnography of Childhood and Language Shift on the Tibetan Plateau*.

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