CALL FOR PAPERS - Language Policy Research in East Asia: Global Challenges and Local Responses

Important Dates

- Proposal submission deadline: December 31st, 2015
- Full paper submission deadline: 3rd April 2016
- Review decision: 31st August, 2016
- Final version submission: 31st October 2016

Aims and Scope for the Special Issue

This special issue addresses the significant challenges facing language policy makers and language educators emanating from dramatic cultural, demographic, economic, political and social changes that have been happening in global and East Asian contexts. The language policymaking mechanism and process now have to consider increasingly complex demographic and sociocultural realities where relevant language policies are to be implemented. In addition, language policymaking mechanism and process need to accommodate increasingly strong bottom-up voices, by involving individuals in making of decisions about what languages to learn and use with whom as well as when, why and how these languages are used. These shifts add substantial complications to language policymaking and require major conceptual and methodological shifts in research in order to fully appreciate and address the rising challenges. The special issue will highlight these significant challenges for language policymakers and educators and reflect on the possible responses that educational researchers could have in specific contexts. To these ends, paper proposals are welcomed to critically examine the promotion and implementation of language policies in situ. Potential topics/themes include but are not limited to:

- Initiatives to preserve and maintain linguistic diversity in the awake of standardization and promotion of languages at the national or regional level.
- Development and implementation of policy initiatives to support migrant population’s integration into the mainstream of the society.
- Individuals’ perceptions of and responses to various language policy initiatives, including those of language teachers, language learners and other stakeholders, as well as the mediation of such perceptions and responses on policy development.
- Individuals and political establishment and institutions’ efforts to engage with the public and influence perceptions of particular language policies through mass media.

The special issue welcome studies addressing these topics in a variety of East Asian contexts such as Cambodia, mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Viet Nam.
Submission

Interested authors should submit a title and abstract (up to 300 words) to the guest editors of this special issue at languagepolicytape@gmail.com by December 31st, 2015. Authors will be notified of the selection results by January 5th, 2016 and those whose proposals are included will be expected to submit full manuscripts April 3rd, 2016. Authors should prepare manuscripts using instructions for authors and submissions should be done via Editorial Manager available on the right side bar of this page. Manuscripts should not exceed 6,000 words. Please note that submission of full manuscripts does not guarantee acceptance. All papers will be peer reviewed based on quality, original, organization and clarify of writing, and evidence provided for assertions and conclusion. Papers submitted for this special issue must not be submitted or are under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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