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Over the last decade or so there has been a surge in interest in the acquisition of small Indigenous languages across the world. There are a few significant reasons for this growth. Firstly, indigenous languages are dying at an alarming rate, which means that now is often our last chance to study their acquisition. Secondly, there is a broad recognition among child language researchers that our theories of acquisition are skewed by the overrepresentation of data from large European languages (especially English), whereas many children across the world are acquiring typologically understudied languages (e.g. polysynthetic languages), often in situations of rapid language shift.

Field studies, in contexts such as remote communities, or investigations of minority language users' development in multilingual societies will be of interest. A range of disciplinary perspectives, theoretical positions, and methodological strategies is likely to be represented in the Special Issue.

Prospective authors are encouraged to email the editors to discuss potential contributions (b.kelly@unimelb.edu.au; evan.kidd@anu.edu.au; g.wigglesworth@unimelb.edu.au). Papers should be submitted through the First Language manuscript central site (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/fla>) by 30th September 2014.

Papers should be not more than 8000 words in length, and conform to the First Language submission guidelines.

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