## An invitation to write an article for the journal

# Línguas & Letras



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# "Languages & Letters"

A quarterly publication of the Graduate Program in Letters, at the Western Paraná State University, State of Paraná, Brazil (UNIOESTE, Cascavel Campus). All languages are welcome.

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#### **Dossier: LANGUAGES OF SIGNS - CONQUESTS AND CHALLENGES**

The study of sign languages definitely came to stay in the second half of the twentieth century. The efforts of the linguists who worked in the 60s, 70s and 80s demonstrated the need to know the grammar of these languages and gave relevance to the problems that its users have to develop with them a full life in communicative experiences. They have also made the scientific community realize that for the global and comprehensive understanding of human language it is imperative to pay attention to the linguistics field. Now, in the 21st century, this is not questioned. The current understanding of the structure and functioning of sign languages at both the discursive and grammatical levels is vast and profound. The same can be said about other issues requiring linguistic knowledge (bilingualism, language policy, first language acquisition or language deficit, to present some examples). Nonetheless, teams of researchers dealing with these problems, already with high levels of expertise, continue to identify needs that require an approach to further ensure research success. This volume aims to identify some of these needs and problems faced by the scientific community involved in the study of sign languages. We intend with him to promote a stop to look back, in such a way that this retrospective look allows us to evaluate some of the achieved achievements. But the task would be incomplete if we did not look ford too, with hindsight, to address some clues about how far forward and with what tools. With this special edition of the Journal, we seek to gather articles whose contributions to the area are relevant and at the same time, as far as possible, innovative. It is hoped that the submitted articles will contemplate, among other aspects, a

theoretical and articulated revision of the literature, in order to present to the reader the state of the art on the subject addressed, as well as the description of the procedures and / or methods adopted for the analysis of the data, when this is the case, and discussions that point out ways and / or future perspectives for the development of the topic addressed. It will be accepted, preferably, unpublished articles on the various themes of its scope.

### Some possible topics:

- Present and future of corpus linguistics applied to sign languages
- Ethics and social responsibility (include the challenge of how to tackle data protection)
- Challenges in bilingual education of deaf people
- Problems in defining grammatical units
- Description of sign language grammars
- New challenges in language policy (beyond recognition of status, what to do for deaf people to see their recognized linguistic rights?)
- Bilingual and monolingual dictionaries in the field of sign languages
- Studies of linguistic phenomena in the context of sign languages
- Historical trajectory and evolution of sign languages in the world and / or countries of use, over time.

#### **General Guidelines:**

The publishing concern the third quarter of this year, volume 20, n. 48, which submission is open up to November, 2019. When you can send your article to me, please, use my both e-mails, jorge.bidarra@unioeste.br and jorgebidarra@hotmail.com.

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Best Wishes, Jorge.

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