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Pragmatic Diachronic Study of the 20th Century

Message from the Guest Editors

Historical linguistics has traditionally focused on linguistic change over the centuries, describing the different stages of the grammaticalization of a given form. Additionally, recent works have hypothesized linguistic changes within a relatively short period (Pons and Salameh, 2024). The motivation behind this Special Issue lies in the interest in linguistic change within the 20th century, given that this era allows witnessing changes with a higher degree of granularity (Pons, 2014). The current state of the art in the literature has primarily addressed diachronic–pragmatic change in Spanish; accordingly, we aim to fill this gap by expanding this line of research to other languages. Topics include, but are not restricted to:Pragmatic changes in discourse forms, such as conversational formulas, discourse markers, or formulation and text-structuring devices.Changes in spoken registers among media and political discourse.Changes in written texts (such as letters or journal articles).Pragmatic variation among spoken and written genres.Reflection of orality and colloquialization in social and institutional interaction.

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