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Special Issue: Research Trends of Applied Linguistics: Reflections and Future Directions

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### **Overview**

The *International Journal of TESOL Studies* (IJTS) is pleased to announce a special issue entitled *Research Trends in Applied Linguistics: Reflections and Future Directions*. This special issue aims to highlight cutting-edge research areas and emerging developments shaped by internationally recognised scholars in applied linguistics and language education.

The issue seeks to bring together contributions from leading scholars in TESOL, applied linguistics, and language education whose work has made significant contributions to the field. It offers a distinctive opportunity to reflect on influential research trajectories and to provide insights into the directions that are shaping the future development of the discipline.

### **Purpose of the Special Issue**

The purpose of this special issue is to highlight and synthesise the influential research trajectories of internationally recognised scholars whose work has made significant contributions to areas intersecting with TESOL and language studies. By bringing together contributions from these leading voices, the issue aims to identify current priority areas of inquiry, articulate emerging research directions, and provide a reference point for research excellence and scholarly impact within the global applied linguistics community.

We are extending an invitation to internationally recognised scholars, especially those listed in Standard top 2% cited scholars in language-related fields to reflect on the trends they are advancing and the future trajectories of their respective areas.

### **Main topics**

- Artificial Intelligence and Language Education
- Emerging Research Methodologies in Applied Linguistics
- English-Medium Instruction (EMI) and Internationalisation
- Global Englishes and English as a Lingua Franca
- Informal Digital Learning of English (IDLE)
- Intercultural Communication and Intercultural Citizenship
- Language Assessment and Testing Innovation
- Language Policy, Planning, and Ideology
- Language Teacher Education and Professional Identity
- Language, Identity, and Social Justice
- Multimodality and Digital Communication in Language Learning
- Translanguaging and Multilingual Pedagogies

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**About the Journal:**

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