

Preface

Over the last three years, the new sections “Research on polyglottery” and “Sociolinguistics and geolinguistics” have become very productive in our journal, yielding eleven and seven original articles respectively. This is no surprise as the psycholinguistic and the sociolinguistic approaches are the two major directions in the modern study of multilingualism, which is a natural focus for MGIMO given its world-record scope of language programs.

At the same time, lesser known indigenous languages and writing systems are receiving increasingly more attention both in linguistics and international affairs, which has brought to life the section “Studies in rare languages and scripts”. In this context, it is gratifying to note that, among other things, *Linguistics & Polyglot Studies* is becoming one of the centres for research on the languages of Nepal and Mexico (see vol. 8, no. 2 and 3; vol. 9, no. 3).

The present issue contributes to all of these trends, publishing papers presented at the 2nd International Seminar on Linguistic & Polyglot Studies (2022), at the round table discussion on Current Trends in the Development of Language Policy in CIS, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean (2023), and at the round table discussion on Polyglottery as part of the conference on Language, Consciousness and Communication: Methodology and Humanities Practices (2024).

A new feature of this issue is a selection of language news from different countries across the globe. It attempts to revive the genre of such reviews, which used to be published in the journal *Geolinguistics*. We hope that this and other materials included here will encourage researchers to look for interesting language facts in their part of the world and to share their findings in the future issues of our journal.

Editors