
Foreword

Welcome to volume 8 of *ESP Across Cultures*. Readers will probably be aware that, after six miscellaneous issues, the previous volume was the first ‘special’ issue devoted to a specific theme: ‘legal English across cultures’. This present volume marks a return to a miscellaneous issue on a variety of topics, but all coming within the sphere of English for Specific Purposes seen from a cross-cultural perspective.

However, as will become clear just from a cursory glance at the ‘Contents’, five of the eight papers in this volume are in some way related to ESP in academic settings. The first two papers are concerned with didactic issues. Mariavita Cambria discusses the theme of online news websites and the way they may be exploited in university language classrooms on ESP, while Hafida Hamzaoui-Elachachi & Chams-Eddine Lamri explore the English language needs of Law and Administrative Science students at an Algerian university.

Three papers in this volume focus on the language of research articles. Indeed, the papers by Alireza Jalilifar & Masume Hoseini Marashi and by Alessandra Molino are both contrastive studies on research article introductions, respectively comparing English and Persian and English and Italian. In her paper Viviana Soler investigates research and review article titles from a different perspective, that of how nominal group titles are constructed in scientific journals in English and Spanish.

Each of the remaining three papers touches on very different theme areas. Bronwen Hughes looks at the way certain types of TV detective fiction are handled by comparing the way one particular subgenre in the UK is adapted when put into an Italian setting. Amir H.Y. Salama enters the realm of political ideology by analysing US President Obama’s famous Cairo speech of 2006 from a rhetorical semiotic-cognitive standpoint. Finally, Christopher Williams takes a fresh look at the question of the influence of the Plain Language movement on legal English to see how the situation has evolved in the space of seven years since his paper on the same subject was published in the first issue of this journal in 2004.

As always, our thanks go to the members of the Editorial Board. But we would like to thank in particular those persons who are not on the Editorial Board but who have kindly agreed to referee papers for our journal. The last time we publicly thanked external referees was in issue 6 (2009). Since then the following have all reviewed papers for our journal, thus contributing to ensuring that, through our double-blind refereeing policy, only papers of quality are accepted.

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I hope you will enjoy the selection of papers that make up this current volume.

Christopher Williams
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