

## PREFACE TO THE EDITION

The **International Journal of Linguistics, Language and Literature** is pleased to present its forthcoming issue, which brings together a set of studies that illuminate the powerful role of language in shaping identity, knowledge, culture, and literary imagination. The works collected here demonstrate how linguistic inquiry and literary scholarship continue to intersect with questions of power, history, pedagogy, and representation.

This issue opens with a wide-ranging exploration of how language constructs personal and collective identity, drawing insights from sociolinguistics, psychology, anthropology, and cognitive science. The study shows how narrative, social positioning, and multilingual experience together shape the ways individuals perceive themselves and participate in community life

Building on questions of power and politics, another contribution examines English hegemony in India alongside movements that defend regional languages. The analysis reveals how English produces opportunity and mobility, yet also fuels hierarchies and how acts of cultural resistance sustain linguistic diversity and democratic expression.

The theme of academic transformation continues in a critical discussion on decolonising the English curriculum in Indian universities. By challenging Eurocentric canons and emphasizing indigenous, regional, and global-South voices, the paper calls for pedagogies that promote epistemic justice and culturally grounded learning.

Literary scholarship in this issue is represented by a compelling study of displacement in the works of Amitav Ghosh, tracing how exile, migration, and environmental disruption emerge as narrative structures that question dominant historical narratives and foreground marginalized voices.

The volume concludes with an inquiry into translation and canon formation, highlighting how English translation often determines which regional texts gain visibility, legitimacy, and longevity and how such processes quietly shape literary hierarchies in India.

Together, these contributions underscore a central conviction of IJLL: language is never merely a tool for communication. It is a site of identity, power, resistance, creativity, and knowledge production. We extend our appreciation to the authors, reviewers, and readers whose dedication sustains this scholarly community. We hope this issue stimulates thoughtful dialogue and inspires new directions in linguistic and literary research.

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