

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce that the *Journal of Chinese Linguistics* (*JCL*) will add a new “squib” section called *Insight* starting from the first issue of 2022. Prof. Yafei Li, a member of the editorial board has accepted our invitation to serve as the Editor of *Insight*. We are grateful to have Prof. Li take up this new task.

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Section Editor’s Words

An *Insight* article presents a logically or empirically driven hypothesis, a theoretical idea, a remark on a published work, a yet-undocumented fact or the result of an experiment. Page-limitations aside, such an article differs from full-sized papers primarily in that it does not have to present a fully spelled-out and substantiated analysis provided that the central theme is COHERENT, INNOVATIVE, INSIGHTFUL, INSPIRING and ORIGINAL.

In a field like linguistics which is highly dynamic due to the complexity of the subject matter, i.e., natural language, a researcher is constantly confronted by the awareness that there is so much data to synthesize, so many possible factors interacting in yet unclear ways and who knows how many unknown facts are out there. It is quite common that a researcher hits on a novel idea but finds it difficult to elaborate on for various limitations at the moment, notices a flaw in a published work which is nonetheless too “localized” to warrant a substantial solution, or discovers a new data pattern that resists any obvious theoretical characterization. In a word, one may have a linguistic insight to report but a piece of writing on it would be judged unfinished, incomplete or simply not substantial enough by the standards of a full paper. *JCL* sees great potential value in this kind of intellectual products and has set up the *Insight* section dedicated to them.

The articles will be published in English so as to maximally reach interested readers worldwide. A submitted manuscript should have no more than 10 pages of double-spaced text and footnotes plus no more than one page of references, all in the 12 point Times New Roman font with the default page margins of Microsoft Word. No changes to these default settings will be accepted.

Let us give our field a chance to follow your inspirational lead in a joint effort to reach a deeper and broader understanding of the amazing phenomenon which we call language.

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