



Editorial

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All along, cultures, countries and nations have dealt with political language and political language usage. The fact that there is relatively little scholarly exchange and little academic cooperation in this area appears to be due to the fact that research in the area of political linguistics is often very much oriented on the contexts of the respective political systems investigated. The resulting specific concepts and methods of rather particular case studies, then, can only rarely be transferred to other political systems as an operational toolkit. This can be explained, for instance, from the fact that there is (still) no internationally established term for the subject area "language in politics". It is rather the case that there are countless individual language-specific interpretations.

The internationalization of political discourses (for example, the global refugee discourse) makes it desirable, however, to develop theories and methodologies with wider applicability for the analysis of political language at a more general level, which allows for greater comparability and cooperation across language and country boundaries.

The third edition of 10PLUS1 is devoted to this undertaking and proposes a label for such linguistic investigations: "The Linguistics of Politics," a term which is sufficiently general to combine a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches. The issue includes contributions dealing with different aspects of political language with regard to different countries and political systems.

The broad variety of contribution formats combines research results with work in progress as well as research perspectives, thus enabling a number of dynamic approaches to the research field.

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