

Agenda for Exec meeting

Two catch-up for Executive Committee Members where held:

For Asia-Pacific timezone: Wednesday 8 December, 11am-12noon AEDT

For USA \UTC /W .Europe \S .Africa: Wednesday, 8 December

Eastern United States = 08:00 UTC time = 13:00

Officers:

President: Claire Maree

Vice President (President-Elect): Denise Troutman

Past President: Holly Cashman

IGALA Secretary: Dietha Koster

Communications Officer: Scott Burnett

Graduate Student Representative: Koki Kapa

Ordinary Member: Alwin C. Aguirre

Ordinary Member: Thu Ha

Ordinary Member: Angela Zottola

IGALA Conference Chair: Kate Power

Journal Liaison: Rodrigo Borba

Agenda Items

1. President (Claire Maree)

1.2 Revision of Bylaws

- Voting for the proposed revisions for the bylaws will be done via Google Forms. Voting will open on 13th December, and close 4 weeks later on 10th January, 2022.
- As only paid-up members can vote, the most up to date members list has been sourced from Equinox.
- Scott Burnett will disseminate information via our media channels

1.3 Ties with other Associations

- There was overwhelming support for Claire Maree's motion that IGALA endorse the "LSA Statement on linguistic misgendering " via website, social media etc.
- There was widespread support from Executive Committee members in further exploring the possibility of translating this into languages used by members of IGALA. Japanese, Italian, and Portuguese were mentioned.

1.4 Lobbying & Advocacy

- The IGALA bylaws include the following in Article II.1 1.
 - The purposes of the Association shall be:
 - to speak authoritatively to the wider world about gender, sexuality and language issues, through appropriate media
- The Office of the President contains the following duties:

- working for a policy that balances the needs of members with service to gender, sexuality and language study
- representing IGALA and when appropriate and necessary speaking on its behalf, including in a lobbying capacity
- There was overwhelming support for Claire Maree's motion that IGALA Executive work as an association to conduct lobbying in areas that are of relevance gender, sexuality and language internationally.
 - Process could be as follows
 - Requests for specific statements etc are distributed amongst the Exec.
 - Statements are drafted (this could be done by the President in communication with Vice-President and Past President & Secretary)?
 - Statements are workshopped within the exec
 - Statements are released in a timely manner.
 - Wherever possible, statements are multilingual and speak to global issues.
 - Kate Power also suggested that we could have a set of "standing items" that we comment on every year, e.g., International Women's Day; the UN 16 Days of Activism?
- Statement on ongoing anti-trans (anti-gender) discrimination
 - There was overwhelming support for Claire Maree and Scott Burnett's motion that IGALA develop a Statement in regard to ongoing anti-trans (anti-gender) discrimination. As we are an international association, and as this is a global issue - occurring in different languages, and a diversity of sociocultural arenas, it is proposed we release a Statement that relates to the anti-gender backlash, transphobic movements globally. We would then endeavour to provide translations in as many of the languages that our members work in as possible.
 - The Executive Committee workshopped the short Statement that Scott and Claire drafted and agreed that the edited version Kate Power proposed would be best fit for purpose.
 - It was agreed that
 - We workshop the statement, with Past-presidents and members of the Executive Committees
 - We ask for input from trans members,
 - We workshop the possibility of putting the statement out in different languages that are used by our IGALA members.
 - Once the statement is finalised we post it to our social media channels

1.5 Membership

- Latest files from Equinox indicate that we currently have 168 members.

1.6 Matters arising

- Scott Burnett agreed to assist Claire Maree in Secretary duties while Dietha is on leave from IGALA.

2. Communications (Scott Burnett)

2.1 Update on domain for the IGALA website

- We discussed options for the domain name, and igala.online was selected as the preferred options. The Total cost for hosting & site name comes to a total of €104-€210 per annum
- Scott is still waiting for feedback from Uni Queensland as next IGALA hosts (and therefore IGALA treasurers) about preferred method of payment: (1) reimbursement to Scott; (2) direct purchase by UQ; (3) others?

2.2 Communications Planning

- Scott is planning proactive communication drives for the year: ideas such as profiling the Board; profiling members; marketing new projects/activities; identifying key new publications.

2.3 IGALA Blog

- Angela Zottola has taken on the IGALA Blog duties.

3. Journal (Journal Editors' representative Rodrigo Borba)

3.1 Journal Report

This has been an outstanding year for Gender & Language on several counts:

- Our citation indexes keep improving in a speedy manner. According to Clarivate's estimate for 2022 (which amasses the citations from the previous year), our citation score is 2.1 so far. This is an incredible feat for a niche journal. And we have been striving to keep these positive numbers. One action we've taken includes encouraging authors who publish in the journal to cite G&L papers. This however is not enough since it only affects in-house citations indexes. External citations are actually what matters. In this sense, we have also been encouraging IGALA members and our reviewers to cite G&L papers as they see fit. Kira, Mie, and I also try to cite as many G&L papers as possible in our own publications.
- Our former social media manager, Olivia Maresse, stepped down in August. From September on, we hired a new social media manager, Katherine Arnold-Murray, who is revitalizing our social media presence. Not only has she managed to keep G&L on the online spotlight, but she has also taken some of our initiatives to other levels. For instance, Kate managed to publish several video-abstracts from the papers in the previous issue, including a video from Deborah Tannen which reached a wide audience!
- It was agreed that Scott Burnett would liaise with Kate to further disseminate information etc via the IGALA media channels
- To celebrate G&L's 15th anniversary, we edited a special theme series commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1992 Berkeley Women and Language Conference. The theme series was published in 4 instalments (the last of which will appear in the next issue), each with a special focus: politics, practice, intersectionality, and place. Each instalment

includes luminaries who attended one of the 1990's Berkeley Women and Language Conferences as well as scholars who, despite not having attended to conference, are now taking the field to exciting new directions. Together, the essays in the series provide a very lively and critical picture of the history of our field, retelling its past and reimagining its future. This was a tour de force of which we are very proud since we believe the series is likely to have a profound impact in the field in the years to come. Our plan is to transform the theme series in a book. If we manage to follow this plan, our idea is to invite more scholars to write 3000-word essays about their view of the past, present, and future of the field. Another important dimension of the theme series is that we managed to publish language, gender, and sexuality luminaries who had never published in the journal before.

- We are also very proud to highlight the fact that G&L is becoming ever more geopolitically diverse, publishing authors and having reviewers from several North-South axis.
- Another initiative to keep the journal dynamic and lively is the year in review essays in which an invited scholar assesses the field by reviewing relevant publications of the previous year. The first year in review was published last year (by Jeremy Calder on the theme of normativities). The 2020 year in review on the theme of the global South was written Jaspal Singh and was published in the July issue of this year. And 2021 will be reviewed by Branca Falabella Fabricio.
- Due to our interest in expanding the geopolitical scope of the journal, we have been invited to take part in a decolonizing publication global consortium. The consortium is spearheaded by Miguel Peres-Millans and Monica Heller and includes editors of several sociolinguistics journals such as *Language in Society*, *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, *Language et Société*, *Multilingua* among others. The aim of the consortium is to discuss alternatives to academic publication with a view to decolonize it. The consortium meets on a regular basis via e-mail. And as part of the consortium activities, we organized a roundtable which happened as part of the *V EDiSo International Symposium*. Below, you can read the roundtable's abstract which encapsulates the consortium's aims:
 - How to decolonize from the centre? Editors' reflexions
 - ✧ There is now a wealth of decolonising writing/thought in the social sciences and humanities showing us how to do things differently, and yet this body of literature coexists with institutional logics of editorial work entrenched with histories of colonialism, nationalism and capitalism which are difficult to navigate by atomized editorial teams. We envision this roundtable as a collective attempt to engage in the re-imagining of the ways in which we operate as editors of elephant-like journals in sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology. These journals include: *Gender and Language*; *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*; *Journal of Sociolinguistics*; *Language, Culture and Society*; *Langage et Société*; *Language in Society*; *Language Policy*; and *Multilingua*.
 - ✧ Though we all recognise that our work is profoundly constrained by larger political economies of knowledge production/circulation – and the material inequalities that they produce/build on, our conversation emerges out of increasing discomfort as enablers of such structural configurations. Indeed,

we acknowledge that our editorial activities play an important part in the instantiation of long-standing economic hubs and associated knowledge circuits that go well beyond the often invoked “North-South” geopolitical divide. Some of the areas in the daily workings of our journals that we identify as key in the making of such unequal histories, and which we cannot always decide on, involve decisions around the following: language choice of publications; editorial board composition; reviewer selection; “acceptable” writing genres, paywall mechanisms and decontextualized ready-made academic models that index “readability” within relevant global knowledge clusters in each disciplinary area.

✧ With the aim of initiating this conversation on the condition of *elephantism* and what it entails in our work as journal editors, we agree on the importance of taking “baby steps” and drawing on the principles of *collective action* (i.e. joint actions across editorial teams) and *introspection* (i.e. reflection on the specific logics of knowledge production that apply in the sub-disciplinary areas that each journal covers). We also understand that each editorial team needs to do this through simultaneous engagement with their respective publishers. For this roundtable more specifically, each editorial team is asked to briefly reflect upon the following questions with the hope of opening the discussion further with members of EDiSo:

- 1) How is this condition of elephantism played out in the internal workings/histories of your own journal?
- 2) From your perspective, what role should journals like ours play? Why?
- 3) How might we achieve those goals? What are the opportunities we could make use of, what are the barriers we face?

3.2 Financial Support

- Kate Power agreed to liaise with the incoming IGALA conference treasurer to ensure payment of the \$3,000 fund IGALA has donated to the journal is transferred to the journal account as requested.
- Claire Maree liased with Equinox in regard to the honoraria this year yet.

5. Ordinary Members (Angela Zottola; Thu Ha; Alwin Aguirre)

5.1 Discussion of how best to support Scott and distribute tasks would be continued via a zoom meeting in January, 2022.

- ✧ Angela Zottola will be coordinating the IGALA Blog as a space where ECRs can showcase their work.
- ✧ Angela suggested contacting authors and asking for a brief presentation of their books and we could publish one per month? Or a couple every 2/3 months. A call that we can post on the website and social media.

- ✧ There was a suggestion that the current resources section of the website be updated by adding more comprehensive bibliographies of language gender and sexuality books or special issues available as a reference. Or link already existing ones.
- ✧ Alwin will be coordinating efforts to create and support international and national networks by overseeing the organization of local/regional branches and events; and actively identifying related (inter)disciplinary networks.
 - ▣ Claire Maree to open the Gender, Sexuality and Language Studies (GSLs) research and reading group she coordinates to a broader network of interested researchers. More details to follow
- ✧ Discussion of the International bursary allocations for IGALA conferences will be discussed closer to the next conference
- ✧ NSF (National Science Foundation) grant applications for IGALA conferences.
 - Holly Cashman and Denise Troutman will share coordinate on the NSF applications in liaison with Kate Power. The next application due dates are expected to be January 15, and July 15, 2022.
- ✧ Thu will be organizing an IGALA Book Prize or Best Article Prize.

No agenda items tabled by:

- ✧ Grad Student Representative (Koki Kapa)
- ✧ Secretary (Dietha Koster [Currently on leave])
- ✧ Conference (Kate Power)

Completed Action Points from Handover meeting

- 1) Claire to set up medium of communication by October 31/2021
 - a) IGALA Executive 2021-2022 as a Google List:
<https://contacts.google.com/label/2a02ffab0fdf9af5>
- 2) Dietha to set up Executive Meeting for some time between 6-17th December
 - a) If possible via Zoom;
 Due to time difference this was not possible - we have to “virtual” catch ups scheduled for members in regionally close time zones
 - b) If Zoom is not possible an e-meeting for 4-5days via google docs or similar
 - c) Aim to communicate date by end of October to enable four weeks of notice are given to the membership, and suggestions for Agenda items
 [A general meeting over Google Docs has taken place, December 8, 2021; and several virtual catch ups over ZOOM scheduled per time zone of respective members]
- 3) Claire to communicate with Journal in regard to extension of current Editorship for another 3-year period after the current tenure finishes in July 2022.

- a) Claire conveyed the IGALA Executive Board's overwhelming support for the generous offer by the current Editors (Rodrigo Borba, Kira Hall and Mie Hiramoto) to continue [email sent 6/10/2021].
- 4) Scott to liaise with Erez and Kate about payment for the IGALA domain [Scott I still waiting for feedback from Uni Queensland about preferred method of payment]

Action Points from Executive Meeting I

1) Bylaws

- a) Claire has organized the voting for the proposed revisions for the bylaws (13-12-22 until 10.01.22). Of the 18 responses, 100 % support the changes, meaning that the amendments have passed.
- b) Scott will disseminate information via our media channels.

2. Lobbying & Advocacy

- a) Claire invites the Exec for specific statements in areas that are of relevance to gender, sexuality and language internationally (e.g., multilingual statements, or statements in different languages, concerning global issues are welcomed)
- b) Claire, Denise and Dietha draft statements
- c) Statements are workshopped within the Exec and released in a timely manner (Scott?)
- d) Kate drafts a list of "standing items" that we comment on each year (e.g., International Women's day, the UN 16 days of activism)

- e) Claire, Scott and Kate workshop the developed statement on anti-trans discrimination; ask for input from trans members and consider translations. Scott releases the finalised posts to our social media channels

3. Various

- a) Angela coordinates the IGALA blog space; develops proposal by contacting authors and asking for a brief presentation of their books (one per month, or a couple every 2-3 months). Scott releases these calls on the website and through social media.
- b) Scott updates the current resources section of the website by adding more comprehensive bibliographies, language, gender and sexuality books or special issues available as reference, or link to existing ones
- c) Alwin develops the creation of an overview of (activities by) related (inter)national and interdisciplinary networks
- d) Holly, Denise and Kate will get organized for the NSF applications (next application deadline January, 15, and July 15, 2022)
- e) Thu organizes an IGALA Book Prize or Best Article Prize
- g) Claire & Dietha forward plan for next Executive Meeting