Preface

Innovations and transformations can be observed across the various sub-disciplines in linguistic study. Generally, transformations and innovations are often associated with changes. In linguistic studies, changes often occur in research methods employed, the use of empirical data, the application of theories of linguistics, the production of critical linguistic analyses, and so forth. Some of the examples of transformation and innovation going on today, among others, are the merging of two or more areas in the sub-discipline of linguistics which is also known as interface research, interdisciplinary research methods etc. The conference has succeeded in bringing together various aspects of transformations and innovations in linguistic study as witnessed by the compilation of papers in this special issue.

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