



INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

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II.1. Article Length

Articles should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words in length including all documents (abstract, keywords, tables, illustrations, acknowledgements, notes and references as well as text). Please indicate a word count.

II.2. Language

II.2.1. Articles must be written in English. The authors themselves are responsible for delivering their paper in good English.

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II.2.3. Spelling, capitalization and punctuation should be consistent within each article.

II.2.4. During the refereeing process authors should refer to their previous publications in the *third person*- not "as I stated in ..." but "as X noted ...".

II.2.5. Short and/or telegraph-style sections and/or paragraphs should be avoided.

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Contributors must submit an electronic copy of their article (MS Word).

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II.3.2. Each article should be supplied with two abstracts (no more than 150 words in length). The first one should be written in the language of the article (English), and the second one in Spanish. Below each abstract there should be a list of a maximum of 10 keywords or phrases in their respective languages.

II.3.3. Elements of the article should be arranged as follows: title (written in bold type, capitalized and centred), author's full name (plus affiliation, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address), abstract, keywords, text, acknowledgements, notes, references, and appendices if any. Reviewers will receive the article without personal data to guarantee objective and independent evaluation.

II.3.4. Reports of empirical work should be structured conventionally: Introduction (including where appropriate a brief review of significant related work); Method (in sufficient detail to allow the study to be replicated); Results (only the most important results should be included); Discussion (avoiding a simple recapitulation of points already made); and Conclusions (related solely to the paper).

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Up to four levels of headings are permissible. Please follow this style:

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All punctuation marks (commas, semicolons, full stops) must follow any other text marks such as quotation marks (inverted commas) or (foot/end-)note numbering. For instance: "example", example"; "example". And also: example⁷, example⁷; example⁷.

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Biber, D. (1989). A typology of English texts. *Linguistics*, 27, 3-43.

Biber, D. (1993). Representativeness in corpus design. *Literary and Linguistic Computing*, (8)4, 243-257.

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a) *Journal Article*

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Cantos, P., & Sánchez, A. (2001). Lexical Constellations: What Collocates Fail to Tell. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, 6(2), 199-228.

Cutillas, J. A. & Hernández Campoy, J. M. (2006). Nonresponsive performance in radio broadcasting. A case study. *Language Variation and Change*, 13, 317-330.

Hernández Campoy, J. M. (2008). Overt and covert prestige in Late Middle English: A case study in East Anglia. *Folia Linguistica*, 9, 1-26.

b) *Book*

Almela, M. (2008). *From Words to Lexical Units: a Corpus-Driven Account of Collocation and Idiomatic Patterning in English and English-Spanish*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.

Criado, R. (2010). *Activity Sequencing in Foreign Language Teaching Textbooks. A Cognitive and Communicative Processes-Based Perspective*. Saarbrücken, Germany: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing GmbH & Co. KG.

Walton, D. (2008). *Introducing Cultural Studies: Learning through Practice*. Los Angeles: SAGE.

c) *Edited book*

Cantos-Gómez, P. & Sánchez, A. (Eds.). (2009). *A Survey of Corpus-based Research / Panorama de investigaciones basadas en corpus*. Murcia: Asociación Española de Lingüística de Corpus.

Manchón-Ruiz, R. M. (Ed.). (2009). *Writing in Foreign Language Contexts. Learning, Teaching and Research*. Buffalo: Multilingual Matters.

Pérez-Guerra, J., González-Álvarez, D., Bueno-Alonso, J. L., & Rama-Martínez, E. (Eds.). (2007). *Of Varying Language and Opposing Creed: New Insights into Late Modern English*. Bern: Peter Lang.

d) *Book chapter*

- Conde Silvestre, J. C. (2007). Verbal confrontation and the uses of direct speech in some old English poetic hagiographies. In I. Moskowich-Spiegel Fandiño & B. Crespo (Eds.), *Bells Chiming From the Past. Cultural and Linguistic Studies on Early English* (pp. 215-230). Amsterdam: Rodopi.
- Monroy, R. (2010). The teachability-intelligibility issue: vowel length in GlobEnglish. In C. Gagliardi, C. & A. Maley (Eds.), *EIL, ELF, Global English: Teaching and Learning Issues. Linguistic Insights* (Vol. 96) (pp. 115-127). Frankfurt and Main: Verlag Peter Lang.
- Pujante, A. L. (2008). The Spanish Shakespeare Canon Up to 1916. In M. Procházka & J. Čermák (Eds.), *Shakespeare between the Middle Ages and Modernism: From Translator's Art to Academic Discourse* (pp. 142-152). Prague: Charles University.
- Vázquez, N. (2009). Modal verbs in Early Modern English Recipes. In A. Sánchez & M. Almela (Eds.), *A Mosaic of Corpus Linguistics. Selected Approaches* (pp. 237-247). Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.

e) *Edition other than the first*

- Sinclair, J. M. (1999). *Corpus, Concordance, Collocation*. (3rd ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

f) *Multivolume work*

- Hinkel, E. (Ed.). (2005). *Handbook of research in second language teaching and learning* (Vols. 1-2). Mahwah, N.J.: L. Erlbaum Associates.

g) *Abstract*

- Ullman, M. T., Estabrooke, I. V., Steinhauer, K., Brovetto, C., Pancheva, R. Ozawa, K., *et al.* (2002). Sex differences in the neurocognition of language. [Abstract]. *Brain and Language*, 83, 141-143.

h) *Doctoral Dissertation*

- Walton, D. (1997). *Mail bondage. Sentencing Wilde between the sheets: An epistemology of the epistolary (an architectonic rhapsody)*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, University of Murcia, Spain.

i) *Proceedings*

- Sánchez, A., Cantos, P. & Almela, M. (2007). Lexical Constellations and the Structure of Meaning: A Prototype Application to WSD. In A. Gelbukh (Ed.), *Computational Linguistics and Intelligent Text Processing. 8th International Conference, CICLing 2007, Mexico City* (pp. 275-287). Berlin: Springer Verlag.

Martínez-Lorente, J. & Pujante, A.L. (2000). Mundos diatópicos y narrativa utópica: modelo social y conflicto humano en *We, Brave New World* y 1984. In *Selected papers in language, literature and culture. Proceedings of the 17th International Conference of AEDEAN*, 383-87.

j) *Book Review*

Hernández-Campoy, J. M. (2000). Review of C. Silva-Corvalán (Ed.) (1995) *Spanish in four continents: Studies in language contact and bilingualism*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. *International Journal of Applied Linguistics (InJAL)*, 10(1), 141-145.

Conde Silvestre, J. C. (2008). Review of Jeremy Smith (2007). *Sound change and the history of English*. Oxford University Press. *SELIM*, 15, 151-156.

k) *Conference paper*

Gregor, K. (2000). *The torch and the marriage bed, or getting a grip on Cuchulain: The politics of Yeats's On Baile's Strand*. Paper presented at ESSE 5. University of Helsinki, Finland, August.

Lee, N., & Schumann, J. H. (2005). The interactional instinct: The evolution and acquisition of language. Paper presented at the *Congress of the International Association for Applied Linguistics*. Madison, Wisconsin, August, 24-29.

l) *Translation*

Littlewood, A. (1996). *La enseñanza comunicativa de idiomas*. (F. García-Clemente, Trans.) Madrid: Cambridge University Press (Original work published 1981).

m) *Electronic document*

- Article with DOI (Digital Object Identifier) assigned

Mollin, S. (2009). Combining corpus linguistics and psychological data on word co-occurrences: Corpus collocates versus word associations. *Corpus Linguistics & Linguistic Theory*, 5(2), 175-200. doi: 10.1515/CLLT.2009.008

- Others

Renouf, A., Kehoe, A., & Banerjee, J. (2005). The WebCorp Search Engine: a holistic approach to web text search. *Proceedings from Corpus Linguistics 2005 Conference*. Retrieved from <http://www.corpus.bham.ac.uk/pclc/#corpora>

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Include the appendices starting on a separate page following the list of references. Each appendix should be typed in size 11 and labelled with numbers or letters and titled. If only one appendix is used, no identifying letter or number is required.

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