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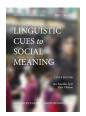
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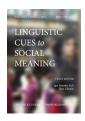
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### PUBLISHER'S NOTE

# Bridging the Gap: A New Publication Dedicated to Languages and Human Communication Has Been Launched

levgen I. Fesenko

Launching a second peer-reviewed journal in the portfolio [1] of our Kyiv-based publishing house, we proud to collaborate with a scientist like Igor Fesenko, ScD from Kyiv, Ukraine [2, 3]. He's taken the responsibility to continue the development of the addressing and communication security direction initiated by Prof. Margaret Schlauch (1976) [4]. Igor Fesenko contributed to the languages and addressing direction by plenty of articles and textbooks, and now it is a time of *Linguistic Cues to Social Meaning (LCSM)* journal.

The *Journal* is starting its way as English-language open access online-only and peer-reviewed publication. All the advantages of such publishing model are discussed in recent studies [5–8]. Also, despite of being a semiannual publication, the *LCSM*, will have a possibility to publish articles in an *article in press* status as soon as the manuscripts will be accepted. In the *Journal* we will use a modified American Psychological Association (APA) reference style which is common for social sciences publications. Among which there are three top

language and linguistics journals: (1) *The Modern Language Journal* (2021 Impact Factor [IF] is 7.500), (2) *Language Learning* (2021 IF is 5.240), and (3) *Research on Language and Social Interaction* (2021 IF is 4.158).

Cover page of the Journal and its original photograph (Fig) is demonstrating the highly populated and multicultural city of Hong Kong from the coffeehouse window as of March 2017. The provisional estimate of the Hong Kong population was 7,409,800 at end-2017 according to the statistics released by the Census and Statistics Department, The Government of the Hong Kong SAR [9]. The official languages in Hong Kong are Chinese and English. Being one of the key world business, trade, and logistic hubs, Hong Kong and this image clearly represents the possible communication challenges this and other societies could face. The LCSM is created with purpose to guarantee people in different corners of the globe the successful usage of the languages, as a most important life tool, with the maximum number of benefits and increasing personal safety.

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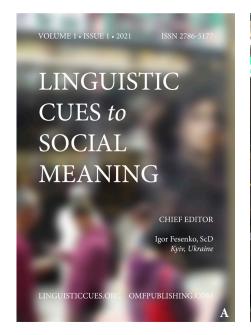
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**FIGURE.** Cover page of the journal (**A**) and its original photograph (**B**) demonstrating society from the coffeehouse window as of March 30, 2017. Location: 313–317 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region (SAR), China. Personal photo from a scientific conference trip.

In summary, we want to wish on behalf of the publishing house staff all the best to newly formed editorial board and to say thank you for leadership in the communication direction.

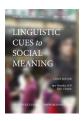
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# **EDITORIAL**

# Linguistic Cues to Social Meaning: Inaugural Issue of a New Journal

Igor P. Fesenko

SIR ANDREW: I would I had bestowed that time in the tongues that I have in fencing, dancing, and bearbaiting.

year 1601

—William Shakespeare English playwright, poet, and actor

When addressing an individual in some languages, choosing between singular and plural number of addressing takes place. The right number of addressing is essential for it determines positioning of both communicants. In some cases, the singular number of addressing is considered as a form of verbal aggression, abusing the person of a lower status.

A new journal is devoted to the study of addressing number applied to single person in several languages, with the aim to decrease the linguistic abuse, thus minimizing the connected social risks [1].

A title of the journal *Linguistic Cues to Social Meaning* had been originated during our application of the linguistic project in 2010 in e-mail correspondent with the US Army Research Laboratory:

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Dear Dr. Fesenko,

Thank you for your recent submittal of two short White Papers.

The US Army Research Laboratory expressed a potential interest in one of your White Papers (Aggressiveness Decreasing Technology via Completing of Addressing Form Transition). We are particularly interested in linguistic cues to social meaning. For example, the use of singular/plural pronouns is one of the variables of interest to us.

Please let me know what you and your research team would propose to study in a 12–18-month duration seed project. Try to keep the proposed description to a maximum of 2–3 paragraphs. Also, please let me know how much funding you will require for such a seed project. Once I receive this information, we will review it and I will let you (know) if we decide to proceed further. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

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The White Paper (Aggressiveness Decreasing Technology via Completing of Addressing Form Transition) is fully presented in this first issue of the *Linguistic Cues to Social Meaning*.

We hope that reader will evaluate themselves the present-day of the Project's proposals even now, 10 years after application.

Besides, this issue contains the qualitative analysis of the English literature texts since Chaucer's time to the XXI century in terms of addressing number [2].

The Journal is ready to publish articles on quantitative analysis of communication texts, i.e., counting of the acts of plural and singular addressing, facing reader thus influencing their subconsciousness as that of a collective, social nature of *homo sapience*.

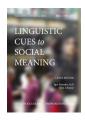
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# **EDITORIAL**

# An Adequacy of Translation: The Netflix Culture in Ukrainian

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 $\mathsf{A}$  history of the Netflix success – No Rules Rules: Netflix and the Culture of Reinvention by Reed Hastings and Ervin Meyer in Ukrainian translation [1] - gives us a nice opportunity to investigate linguistically a phenomenon of communication number and its nearly invisible social importance.

Well, an episode from Reed Hastings youth's experience in Africa in 1983 (Chapter 10) contains an example of Teacher/Pupil communication. The Ukrainian translated text gives us addressing the teacher by the pupil with plural number, and vice versa with singular one. Yes, this asymmetric communication is a common place in schools of Ukraine and some neighboring countries. And both translator and editor of the Ukrainian version of the book got used to it and see no reason for change. And most of readers do.

But our Journal sees the problem and is aimed at its solving. The problem is in a starting symmetrical plural number communication in the original English language text and its asymmetrical interpretation into Ukrainian. This tradition of addressing a person of low status (e.g., black schoolboy) by a person of higher status (e.g., white teacher) with a singular and a plural reciprocal one has a long history in some continental European tongues. For instance, most translations of Robinson Crusoe have been edited in this downshifting communication manner - white master Robinson is addressed in plural and nonwhite youth man Friday is addressed backward in singular [2]. Keeping in mind a humiliating aspect of singular addressing we see that both age and race abuses arose in the translation presented in this newly published book.

Moreover, an urgent global problem is weather a native country of Daniel Defoe can examine possibility to control adequate translation of his opus magnum, to say nothing about the infinity of the English literature. Besides, we hope that such a successful modern corporation as Netflix can afford launching in some independent universities an investigation of the translation manner of its enormous communication content into various languages and countries in terms of addressing number. The Linguistic Cues to Social Meaning journal welcomes the pioneer research works and articles aiming at the adequate, fair ex-English translation thus proposing linguistic

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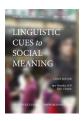
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### **EDITORIAL**

# The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Negotiator Uses Plural Addressing

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SIR TOBY: If thou "thou"-est him some thrice, it shall not be amiss...
—William Shakespeare, 1601

 ${f A}$ n American handbook of negotiating – Never Split the Difference: Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It by Chris Voss and Tahl Raz in Ukrainian [1] gives us another example how careful an editor must be to the number of addressing when the translated text gives some advise to possible negotiators with such unforeseeable and highly aggressive counterparts as terrorists, kidnappers or bank robbers. As authors stress, every word, and intonation are important in sensitive situations like these. From Shakespeare's time up to now, using singular number of addressing to the unfamiliar person is irritating both in the English and Ukrainian languages. The wrong number of addressing is counterproductive producing additional aggressiveness and may be the last straw crushing a hardly maintained negotiating process. So, using singular addressing by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) negotiator in New York in a telephone conversation with a bank robber keeping hostages (p. 38, 41) is not an unimportant fault of a translator, but a critical error, because this inadequately translated way of speaking may be used in a real situation. On the other hand, negotiating in a polite manner using plural addressing, as in the English original text, may be crucial for accomplishing the uneasy conversation.

Nevertheless, the difference between singular and plural addressing is often neglected even in the academic society, especially when translating from one language to another, e.g., from Russian to English [2].

Our *Journal* aims at dissemination of knowledge about importance of such linguistic cue as number of addressing a person, trying to make clear the difference between the two ways of addressing – polite plural and humiliating singular, thus making social climate free of unnecessary portion of abuse. We will be happy to publish articles on the subject, and especially on ways of controlling the purity of translated texts from inadequate interpretation.

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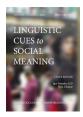
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# IDEAS AND INNOVATIONS ARTICLE

# The Concept of an Integral Series of Foreign Language Textbooks Taking Into Account Modern Digital Technologies

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# **SUMMARY**

In this ideas and innovations type of paper, I wish to present you the concept of an integral series of foreign language textbooks for students of 1st–3rd years considering modern digital technologies. The goal is to achieve an increase in the speed of speaking in a foreign language by 25–50% during the first two years of study.

Our approach to creating an integral series of six semester foreign language textbooks for students of 1st–3rd years involves defining and taking into account the following parameters:

- number of classroom/online academic hours (4–6 per week) for assimilation and mastering of one lesson/unit.
- 2) time for studying the text in the classroom and at home (reading, translation, reverse translation of phrases), for familiarization with comments and for writing and oral exercises (determined by testing of 3 or 4 groups of students). Considering the fact that students have 6 classroom academic hours every day, the time for homework should

not exceed 5 hours, because students should not be overtired and have time to rest. Without taking this parameter into account, overloading occurs, which negatively affects the quality of the results.

A series of six textbooks for years 1 to 3 is based on the assumption that specialized courses will be taught in the fourth year (bachelor's degree), for which the proposed series of textbooks is not designed.

To create an initial textbook (for the first semester of the first course), it is necessary to conduct testing of a sufficient number of school graduates in order to determine their stock of native and foreign language lexemes.

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The textbook should take into account:

- passive and active vocabulary of native and foreign language at the beginning of education: reading, listening, written, and spoken.
- vocabulary testing of students of all courses except the first.
- focal vocabulary for specialized texts.

Based on these indicators, texts with new vocabulary material are selected. For this, the results of statistics and the capabilities of computer technologies should be used to determine the new/next vocabulary, its study, consolidation, repetition/refreshing and testing/checking of the main and additional materials.

The initial textbook must contain a definition of the method of processing materials and monitoring the material learned during three academic years:

- 1. listening to the text at three different speeds (0.75–1.0–1.25) based on an indicator of approximately 130 words per minute at a normal pace (1.0) and different volumes (30–40–60 Db).
- 2. work in pairs, threes.
- 3. periodicity and forms of repetition and refreshing of the studied material.
- 4. computerized, written, and oral testing.

# GOAL

To achieve an increase in the speed of speaking in a foreign language by 25–50% during the first two years of study. Fast speech indicates that the speaker has a significant amount of information. From a psychodiagnostic point of view, the ability to speak quickly shows a smaller number of blocks, patterns, and conventions within a person, one's greater confidence in himself, indicates a reduction in "internal dialogue", that is, pauses for reflection.

The creation of textbooks should be based on statistical data: a frequency dictionary of lexemes and word combinations with 3, 4, and 5 words without taking into account auxiliary parts of speech.

One textbook is designed for one semester (~15 weeks), 15 units including:

- 1. text.
- 2. its translation.
- 3. grammatical commentary with examples.
- 4. vocabulary with expansion (+synonyms, idioms, use with various prepositions).
- 5. translation and grammar exercises.
- 6. for the Portuguese language American and European versions of the audio recording of the main text.
- 7. a small poetry / prose passage for learning by heart.
- 8. three to five aphorisms.
- 9. listening to the recording without a written presentation for transcription.
- 10. control test for learning vocabulary and grammar.

Textbooks must contain links to external sources (literary, poetic, and scientific) through QR coding.

Each of the six textbooks should give from 500 to 1000 new tokens unknown to the student at the beginning of the semester (revealed by testing). The goal is an active vocabulary of about 3,000 vocabulary entries (not including ALL numerals:).

Texts are supposed to be from 1000 to 2000 characters long.

Texts can be created by artificial intelligence using the most used words according to the frequency dictionary.

In the process of working with the textbooks, the applicants are advised to create an individual vocabulary of the most frequent ready for use new phrases/phrases.