Call for Papers: Special Issue on Forensic Linguistics in the International Journal for the Semiotics of Law

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We are seeking submissions for a special issue on forensic linguistics for the *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*, the leading international journal in legal semiotics worldwide.

This special issue is intended to represent the latest international developments across the full breadth of the discipline including, but not limited to, the three traditional areas of the field: the language of the law, the language of the legal process and language in evidence (May, Sousa-Silva and Coulthard, 2021: 2). As a collection, the papers in this special issue will reflect cutting-edge insights in established parts of the field, along with newly emerging activities of those working at the intersections of language, law, crime and evidence. The goal of this issue is to be future-facing, indicating potential directions of expansion for the field.

This call for abstracts is purposefully broad, in the hope that it attracts the widest possible range of high-quality submissions. Abstracts and papers will involve empirical research and may or may not be related to a particular case or cases. Submissions are welcomed across all theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches. Submissions that are particularly encouraged are those which are interdisciplinary in nature, those which focus on jurisdictions that are currently under-represented in the field, and those for which the author(s) or co-author(s) are early career researchers. The language of the articles should be English.

Authors are invited to submit an abstract of 500 words (excluding references) to Isabel Picornell (isabel@qedforensics.com) and David Wright (david.wright@ntu.ac.uk) by midnight on Friday 8 July 2022. Decisions of acceptance will be made by Friday 22 July 2022.

There will be a total of 14 papers selected for the special issue, each of which will be a maximum of 10,000 words. The deadline for full articles to be submitted is 31 January 2023. Following submission, papers will be peer-reviewed by reviewers selected by the IJSL. The projected publication date in February 2024.

If you have any questions about the issue, please do not hesitate to contact Isabel and David.