

Linguistic Society of Japan Ethics Statement

The Linguistic Society of Japan sets forth in this “Linguistic Society of Japan Ethics Statement” the fundamental principles and concepts that are to be followed in linguistic research, education, and operation of the Society.

Linguistic surveys and research, like all other academic areas, depend on the trust and understanding of society. Based on this statement, members of the Linguistic Society of Japan shall give due consideration to ethical questions arising in research or education.

If researchers forget fundamental principles such as social responsibility and ethics, respect for human rights, or maintenance of privacy, they will be unable to gain the trust of society. Society members shall avoid actions that would violate the dignity of any individual or group connected to surveys or research. Furthermore, members must be aware of influences on society that may arise as a result of their research.

For the sake of the development of linguistic research and in order to respond to the trust of society, members of the Society shall abide by this statement.

Article 1 (Maintenance of fairness and trust)

When conducting linguistic research or education, or in the conduct of the Society, members must maintain fairness and endeavor not to lose societal trust.

Article 2 (Ethical appropriateness of purposes and methods of research)

Members must follow “United Associations of Language Studies’ Guidelines on Ethics” and ensure that the research purposes and research methods are ethically appropriate.

Article 3 (Ban on discrimination)

Members will not give discriminatory treatment with regard to such things as thoughts and beliefs, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, place of birth, religion, ethnic background, disability, or social status.

Article 4 (Ban on harassment)

Members will not perform any harassing actions or speech acts such as sexual harassment, academic harassment, or power harassment.

Article 5 (Proper handling of research funds)

Members shall handle research funds in a proper manner.

Article 6 (Ban on fabrication, plagiarism, or fraudulent use of survey or research results)

Members will honor originality of research and will not be a party to plagiarism, fraudulent use of results, fabrication or falsification of data, or submission of the same work for publication in multiple venues. If a survey or research project is conducted by multiple researchers in collaboration or is conducted with the cooperation of another, a consensus must be in place concerning the actual division of labor, the locus of responsibility, and, in case of publication of the results, the holding of copyright.

Article 7 (Maintenance of privacy and respect for human rights)

When conducting necessary surveys or experiments for linguistic research, or when publicizing research results or conducting educational activities, members shall pay maximum attention to the maintenance of individual privacy and respect for human rights.

Article 8 (Publication of research results)

Members shall be aware of the public benefits of their research and their social responsibilities and shall endeavor to publish their research results, mindful of giving back to society.

Article 9 (Mutual criticism, mutual verification)

Members shall endeavor to give academic mutual criticism and mutual verification of research in a spirit of openness, while respecting each other's research activities and results.

Article 10 (Mutual criticism and verification)

Members shall respect each other's research activities and results and shall strive for academic mutual criticism and mutual verification with an open attitude.

Additional provision

In order to respond to questions and consultations concerning ethical problems in linguistic research and education and to take appropriate actions in response to actions that may be suspected to be violations of this statement, the Linguistic Society of Japan shall establish a "Linguistic Society of Japan Ethics Committee".

This statement shall be in effect from 22 June 2019.

Changes in this statement shall be made through consideration by the Linguistic Society of Japan Committee on Ethics.

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