

Editorial

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Welcome to the Spring 2015 issue of the ISEJ, a little later than planned but here at last. This is probably the most diverse issue so far and comes on the back of a very busy period in which we have expanded our editorial board, expanded what we do and increased our prominence through sponsorship and social media.

We are delighted to welcome Gary Riley-Jones from Goldsmiths, London onto our editorial board and he will take a lead in ensuring that we continue to cover the main conferences that deal with issues relevant to the journal. We also now have our own YouTube channel which we think is a great addition to what we do. We were also delighted to sponsor Zuleyha Unlu to attend the 2015 BALEAP conference and to sponsor the Pecha Kucha event at that conference. You can see some videos from BALEAP 2015 at <http://baleap2015.weebly.com/> and our next issue in Autumn 2015 will consist of articles based on presentations given at the conference. Finally, we are very pleased that we continue to attract new followers on our Facebook page and we now have over 900 likes.

Turning to the current issue, as with all previous issues we have a student article and this time we have Maryam Alharthi sharing her insights into being a PhD international student in the UK with us. This is the first article we have published from Saudi Arabia and we look forward to receiving more from other countries in the future. Another first is that we have a second article from the same person. Tony Lynch offered us the lead article in volume 1 issue 2 and this time he shares his research on International student perceptions of University lectures in English. Katherine Hellmann from Washington State University discusses the connection between International Student Retention and Global Competency. Chris Copland, who has already contributed in a previous issue, tells us about his video project on language culture. Our BALEAP 2015 sponsored student Zuleyha Unlu has written up her presentation on 'Understanding Learners' Needs in which she discusses feedback interactions for this issue and finally we have 2 very different reviews of the BALEAP 2015 conference hosted by the University of Leicester.

So as we continue to grow and diversify we would like to invite more people to join us and help in any way that they can. If you think you can spare the odd hour, please do get in touch. We'd love to have more representation from outside the UK.

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