Ⅲ. Review Regulations for『Sign Languages and Linguistics Convergence Research』

Article 1. Purpose

These regulations aim to define all matters concerning the review of papers submitted to the journal "Language Convergence Research" of the Language Convergence Research Institute.

Article 2. Subjects of Review

1) Reviews are conducted on all submitted papers, excluding special feature articles.
2) Special feature articles are not typically reviewed as they are solicited by the Language Convergence Research Institute. However, if it is necessary, they can be reviewed following a resolution by the editorial board, and the review process will follow the same procedures as for submitted papers.

Article 3. Reviewers

1) The editorial board supervises the review process for the journal "Sign Languages and Linguistics Convergence Research" at the Linguistics Convergence Institute.
2) All submitted manuscripts are reviewed by three reviewers appointed by the editorial board, who are experts in the relevant field of the manuscript.
3) For the special feature manuscripts related to the editorial direction of the institute, the editorial board may review and decide on their publication.

Article 4. Review Criteria

1) All submitted manuscripts must be peer-reviewed.
2) Manuscripts submitted to the institute must be original and not published elsewhere.
3) All manuscripts must comply with the Journal submission guidelines. If they do not, the editorial board may request revisions or withhold publication.

4) Based on the results of the plagiarism detection report, the editorial board can exclude or cancel the publication of manuscripts suspected of plagiarism.

Article 5. Review Procedures

1) The editorial board appoints three experts in the relevant field to review the submitted manuscripts, ensuring anonymity of the authors and reviewers for fairness.
2) Reviewers evaluate the manuscripts based on the following criteria and evaluate each item, leading to a final decision of 'Accepted' (90 points or above), 'Accepted with Revisions' (75-89 points), 'Reevaluation after Revision' (60-74 points), or 'Rejected' (below 60 points), which they submit to the editorial board along with their review comments:
   ① Originality of the topic and content
   ② Appropriateness of the structure and research methodology
   ③ Consistency/coherency of logical development and completeness of content
   ④ Soundness and reliability
   ⑤ Academic contribution in relevant fields
   ⑥ Accuracy and transparency of citations
   ⑦ Appropriateness of the abstract
3) The editorial board compiles the review results and determines the publication status based on the following criteria:
   ① Evaluations are given based on the average review score: 'Accepted' (90 points or above), 'Accepted with Revisions' (75-89 points), 'Reevaluation after Revision' (60-74 points), or 'Rejected' (below 60 points).
   ② 'Accepted' manuscripts are published as submitted.
   ③ 'Accepted with Revisions' manuscripts are sent back to the authors with recommended suggestions and revisions. The editorial board will make the final decision on publication after satisfactory revisions are made.
   ④ For 'Reevaluation after Revision' decision, revised manuscripts are resubmitted for the next issue's submission period and re-reviewed. Re-review is conducted by the original reviewers unless the editorial board deems it necessary to appoint new reviewers due to objections from the authors.

⑤ ‘Rejected’ manuscripts are returned to the authors with reasons for rejection and will not be published.

4) Authors receiving a decision of ‘Reevaluation after Revision’ or ‘Rejected’ may object to the review results as follows:

① Authors can file an objection in writing or by email within three days of receiving the review results, providing clear academic evidences for their rebuttal.

② Manuscripts receiving a unanimous ‘Rejected’ decision from all three reviewers cannot be contested.

③ Upon receiving an objection, the editorial board forwards it to the original reviewers for re-review.

④ Reviewers must respond with re-review results within five days.

⑤ Re-review results are final and cannot be contested.

⑥ Manuscripts passing re-review are revised and published in the next issue without further review.

Article 6. Notification of Publication Decision

The editorial board will notify authors of the publication decision within one week of the decision.

Article 7. Other

1) Authors’ names are not disclosed during the review process.
2) Information related to the review process is not disclosed to external parties.
3) The format of the reviews is separately regulated.

Execution of Additional Rules

These regulations are effective from January 1, 2024.