

Dedication: Ofelia García

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This tribute is long overdue. Indeed, Ofelia García stepped down in 2019 as General Editor of the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* and no words were written about her considerable contribution to the field in the very journal she led with such generosity, engagement, and professionalism for so many years. Why? Partly because the guiding hand of Ofelia García was still so present in the journal that it felt as if she was still actively involved. And indeed, Ofelia did everything she could to ensure a smooth transition, guiding me as the new General Editor, providing valuable advice and support in the management of our journal. But most importantly, this tribute took so long because it was clear to me that the best way to acknowledge the contribution of Ofelia García to the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* was to attach it to something “special”. I have learned from the very first moment I encountered this brilliant mind, that she was not interested in honorific words, she was far more interested in ideas, actions, and propositions. Ofelia has told me so many times that my job is to rethink IJSL, to consider different ways of producing knowledge, to ensure participatory parity, to renew its goals and purposes. There is still a long way to go, for sure. However, I felt this Special Issue, which includes ideas, propositions and potential actions formulated by our new Editorial Board, as well as by the editorial team, was the best possible “thank you” that could be given to Ofelia García. I’m certain Ofelia will read every single essay with attention and curiosity. I can see her nodding in agreement with some statements, being surprised, sometimes suspicious or skeptical of others. She will hopefully value the attempt to open up IJSL and to make it a deliberate place for intellectual and political debate on language and society. This Special Issue as a whole is a tribute to her very own dedication to academia and knowledge production on real-life issues, to political engagement, and to her restless endeavor to try things that could potentially induce social change.

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