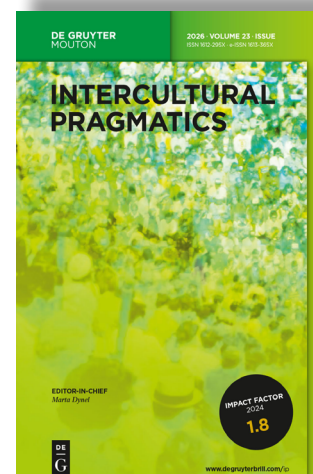


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## Scope and general policies of the journal

### Scope

In keeping with the tradition of *Intercultural Pragmatics (InPra)*, established in 2004 by its founding editor, Prof. István Kecskés, the journal is an international forum for pragmatic research across languages and cultures, publishing papers in English that are of interest and relevance to scholars from around the world.

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 barbecue-INTR                      DET                      Strang                      DET                      fish  
 ‘Strang barbecues the fish.’  
 (Wiltchko 2006: 202)

- (2) a. *bawlä                      lagahk                      loä.*  
 I.saw                      SELF                      me  
 ‘I saw myself.’  
 (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)
- b. *lagahk                      Juan                      kayuhn-ni                      rolthdz-ni.*  
 SELF                      Juan                      Is.building-3SG                      house-3SG.POSS  
 ‘Juan himself is building his house.’  
 (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)
- c. *Juan                      ensilaani                      kayuhn-ni                      rolthdz-ni.*  
 Juan                      SELF.AO                      Is.building-3SG                      house-3SG.POSS  
 ‘Juan is building his house himself.’  
 (Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)

- (3) *I sent the artefacts to an anthropologist.*

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