

Volume 1 Edition 5: Bridging Knowledge. Connecting Cultures.

Welcome Address from the Founder;

The fifth edition of the *Language Bridge Academic Journal* marks an important step in our growth. What began as a space for academic writers to share their work has become a growing international community committed to ethical research, accessible publishing, and meaningful educational impact.

Our recent inclusion in the **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)** represents a significant milestone. DOAJ recognition reflects our commitment to publishing integrity, research visibility, and the advancement of scholarship in English language teaching and education. It also strengthens our ability to connect researchers with a broader global audience.

The theme of this edition, "Bridging Knowledge. Connecting Cultures.", captures the heart of our mission. We believe research is most powerful when it crosses borders, reaches new communities, and brings diverse voices into conversation.

As Founder and Editor-in-Chief, I am especially proud of the community behind this journal. Our authors, reviewers, editors, readers, and institutional partners have helped LBAJ grow from an idea into an emerging platform for international scholarship.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on building partnerships with universities, research centers, and educational organizations. Together, we can expand access, strengthen academic networks, and create more opportunities for researchers around the world.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We look forward to continuing to bridge knowledge, connect cultures, and build a stronger global academic community.

Respectfully,

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