Editorial

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We are delighted to write to you as the new Editors of *Language Policy*. Following a year of hand-over work in collaboration with the outgoing editors, Elana Shohamy and Kendall King, we are pleased to confirm that the transition process is complete and we have now taken over the editorial function completely.

We would first of all like to thank Elana and Kendall for all their excellent help and support over the last year. In addition, we want to acknowledge all the support we receive from the Springer teams in the Netherlands and in India. Without the help of the production team, our learning curve would have been much steeper indeed.

It is important at this juncture to acknowledge what has been achieved by Elana and Kendall in their 8-year term. We are inheriting a journal that is in excellent shape and that is going from strength to strength. *Language Policy* has become the leading journal for theoretical studies of language policy, and we want to continue to strengthen the journal's reputation as the premier source for authors and readers in the area. To do this, we need high quality, significant, and impactful scholarship; thoughtful and thought-provoking articles that genuinely push us on to new paradigms. We are also keen to encourage submissions that disturb the status quo and force us out of our comfort zone. And, we are particularly keen to attract studies from domains, geographic locations, and linguistic sites that are underrepresented in theoretical studies of language policy.

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Language policy is of course all about how languages are managed, or, perhaps more accurately, how languages are used to manage people, power, and resources in our world. Everywhere that we have people communicating, we have language policy. We would like to encourage people to think ‘outside the box’ in terms of what language policy is and where it happens, and how their work can contribute to furthering our understanding of these issues.

Taking this excellent journal into the future is not a task we assume lightly, and to make a success of it we need the continuing help and support of a whole range of people: the book review editors, Sarah Moore and Leigh Oakes, the emeritus editors (Bernard Spolsky, who remains a fantastic resource for the Journal, and who will now be joined by Elana and Kendall), the editorial board (to which we welcome Busi Makoni and Sue Wright), as well as the readers, the authors and the referees/reviewers. We look forward to working with you all in this exciting new phase for the Journal.