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It's that time of year again: Time to put your feet down some warm socks, pop some cookies in the oven, and of course publish the latest issue of Language Works to our journal website! In this issue, authors from two Danish universities share their work with us. We welcome you to read along, to get inspired, and perhaps even submit your own language work in the future?

Happy holidays and happy reading from the editorial team.

The articles in this issue:

Recently ChatGPT and other GAIs have become an integral part of various types of human communication. But how does its use alter our conception of our communicative role as creators and senders of a message? That is the question posed by Melissa Hallenslev Larsen as she studies the perceived role of author by people who are asked to compose emails using ChatGPT. Initially, the study's respondents view themselves as authors of the message while they think of GAI as a simple tool at their disposal. During the study, however, respondents reflect on the way in which the messages composed have a tone of voice that is different from their own, and they thus feel slightly disconnected from the communicative content.

In Danish, the singular and the plural form of kilometer are both called kilometer, yet due to morphological reanalysis, the nonstandard, singular form kilomet may also appear. In this article, Line Sandbæk Geertsen elicits speech from 16 native Danish speakers, and finds that half of them use the nonstandard kilomet at least once. Metadata about these participants is not conclusive, and the sample is of course small, but there are indicators suggesting that the observed linguistic variation may be affected by speakers' educational and/or geographical background. From follow-up interviews with all participants, Geertsen finds that speakers differ in who they would identify as users of *kilomet*, as well as in their attitudes towards this nonstandard variant.

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