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Dear reader. As the year is drawing to a close, we publish the second issue of the tenth volume of the Journal of Language Works. This issue comprises three articles that range rather broadly within the vast confines of linguistics: from an analysis of environmental discourse, over gesture as a turn-structuring resource, to the effect of (lack of) sleep on vowel pronunciation.

The editorial team at Language Works wishes everyone a lovely holiday season, no matter which holiday you may or may not celebrate. See you in the new year!

THE ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE

In the first article in the issue, **Victoria Lund** examines how the Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities' annual reports on climate impacts discursively frame Danish climate policy and determine what can be prioritised and legitimised. The article shows how dominant discourses position climate change as a controllable challenge that can be reconciled with economic growth and technological progress.

Frederikke Neumann's article focuses on gesture in the Danish political debate programme Debatten and sheds light on how participants' and the moderator's gestures influence turn-taking. She demonstrates how bodily actions are used strategically and function as a central mechanism in the allocation of speaking turns during the debate.

In the third and final article, **Josephine Lindquist** investigates how sleep deprivation affects vowel articulation. Over the course of a 24-hour experiment, she recorded her participants and conducted various cognitive tests. Lindquist finds that participants' vowel space decreases in proportion to the number of hours they have been awake, indicating that fatigue affects articulation.

YOUR ARTICLE IN THE NEXT ISSUE?

We will be accepting manuscripts for the next issue on **1 March 2026**, so if you have an idea for an article or an assignment you would like to turn into an article, now is the time to get started. If you are a supervisor or know a student who has written a strong assignment, please encourage them to send us a manuscript. You are very welcome to contact us if you are unsure whether your article or idea is suitable for publication. You can find our contact details on the website [here](#). We promise to give you a warm welcome.