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Dear Reader,

Over the past decades, interest in how language is used has become more and more fundamental to several research fields within the branch of literature and linguistics. Issues concerning culture and multiculturalism are more and more dealt with and new ways of understanding and approach are emerging.

The Department of Humanities of the Faculty of Business and Humanities, Sapiientia University, organized its first conference entitled *Discourse, Culture and Representation* on April 23–24, 2010.

The second linguistic volume of *Acta Universitatis Sapientiae Philologica* comprises a selection of the papers presented at this conference, ranging from the area of cognitive linguistics through discourse analysis, pragmatic approaches to literature, and generative grammar to the much researched area of applied linguistics, i.e. second and third language acquisition.

We hope that you will find interest in this richness and variety of papers. With due thanks to all the contributors, we wish you good reading.

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