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ASp¹ is publishing a special issue on the relationships between research in Second-Language Learning and Acquisition and in English for Specific Purposes (ESP).

The aim is to consider the way these two fields interact and whether such a concept as “ESP Learning and Acquisition” may be identified. By confronting the various domains which have given birth to specialised discourses, we may hypothesize that the criteria defining such a concept may emerge.

Research in Second-Language Learning and Acquisition is concerned both with the modes and the objects of learning and with teaching methodologies: how does the specific nature of ESP, defined as a coherent set of contents, culture and language forms, impact language learning theory and practice?

Articles submitted for this special issue of ASp may be based on either of the two following perspectives:

- A theory- and epistemology-driven approach: can language learning theories be specified when applied to the field of ESP? Are they simply adapted to this specific object or does some sort of autonomous theory emerge? If so, how can it be characterised?
- A pragmatic and empirical approach: how does observation of ESP classroom practice in various contexts make it possible to identify specific didactic modalities? How can the concept of “ESP Learning and Acquisition” be constructed out of these observations?

Authors can choose the approach they prefer but will avoid simple descriptions of classroom practice. They will rather focus on the way(s) the concept of “ESP Learning and Acquisition” can emerge.

Authors can address any particular aspect of the question:

- specific ESP teaching methodologies,
- adaptation of tasks to ESP contexts,
- roles of the various actors in ESP settings,
- place and function of documents,
- ESP curriculum design,
- evaluation and certification,
- ...

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