Introduction

It is my pleasure to introduce the eighth volume of the University of Sydney Papers in TESOL. Since its inception in 2006, the Journal has published 38 articles submitted by both academics and postgraduate research students on a broad range of topics in the area of TESOL. Our contributors, editorial board members and readers represent a wide range of countries, reflecting the international focus of our journal.

In this issue, we have a discussion piece from Rod Ellis (University of Auckland) based on his keynote address to the Seventh University of Sydney TESOL Research Network Colloquium held in 2012. We also have two papers reporting the findings of qualitative studies based on student research from the University of Canberra (Inoue & Stracke) and from Macquarie University (Gamage & Chappell). It is very nice to continue the proud tradition of publishing student research co-authored with academic supervisors.

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