

Foreword

The aim of the electronic journal *Signifiances (Signifying)* with an international review committee is to disseminate works on language that takes care deal with the human factor with all the repercussions it generates: corporality, social and ecological inscriptions, the importance of movement in learning processes, in the apprehension or in the production of language. « Language and enaction » therefore appeared to be the most relevant thematics for a publication in this inaugural volume, with three issues.

Enaction, a recent current in cognitive science, is for Francisco Varela and Humberto Maturana a way of conceiving cognition which postulates that human bodies and minds organize themselves dynamically in interaction with their environment. A project articulating language and enaction appeared necessary because human language is, with our genetics, the most characteristic aspect of our species. More broadly, we are living in an era of renewed interest in body, well-being and ecology, and the language study, as a human property, cannot escape this tendency, which is widespread in such areas health, food, housing or new technologies. It is therefore with pride that I announce the publication of this first volume entitled « **Language and Enaction: Issues, Linguistic and Interdisciplinary Approaches** ».

I would like to thank all the contributors to of these three issues, the members of the editorial committee and the scientific committee who made this first publication possible. The second volume will be devoted to the question of **the duplicity of the linguistic sign (signifier / signified)** and will be published at the end of 2018. If these two volumes and those still in draft are of interest to the readers beyond the specialists in the subjects covered, they will have reached their goal.

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