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Special Issue Title: **From Tea Houses to *Izakayas*: Social Interaction in East Asian Small Hospitality Establishments**

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Hospitality establishments serve as vibrant hubs of social activities, encompassing everything from everyday transactional exchanges to more profound interpersonal dialogues (Ohnishi et al., 2012; Futamura & Sugiyama, 2018). These locations not only hold social and historical significance (Farrer, 2021) but are also facing disappearance due to economic, demographic, and social shifts (Futamura & Sugiyama, 2018).

While researchers have explored similar spaces in contexts such as Europe and the United States (for example, see Félix-Brasdefer, 2015), minimal attention has been given to investigating these spaces from pragmatic and sociolinguistic perspectives in Asia. Recent studies in Japan by Allen and Liu (2022) and Liu and Allen (2022) have explored the pragmatic and sociolinguistic elements in Japanese, revealing routine-like behaviours and various interactional activities related to politeness, gender, storytelling, interpersonal talk, and more. More recent work has involved psychological social study research, for example, food, geographic, and economic studies (Ohnishi et al., 2012; Farrer, 2022). Moreover, there is a scarcity of cross-cultural analyses of these spaces (for example, see Wessendorf & Farrer, 2021).

This special issue aims to bridge these research gaps by examining these spaces across Asian cultures and seek to capture both transactional and interpersonal communication instances. Additionally, we aim to account for variations across language and culture in the East Asian context before the inevitable disappearance of these spaces by addressing the following broad research question:

What pragmatic activities occur in small hospitality spaces in East Asia?

The topics that contributors may explore include, but are not limited to:

- Conversation analytic approaches to interactions in these contexts (e.g., turn-taking).
- Discourse analytic approaches to interactions in these contexts (e.g., identity).
- Speech acts, rituals, and routines.
- The cross-cultural or intercultural aspects within these spaces.
- (Im)politeness analyses of interactions in these contexts.
- Service encounter communication.
- Interpersonal talk, joking, trouble-telling, storytelling, and other linguistic and social activities that occur in these contexts.
- Sociopragmatic perspectives on language use in these contexts.
- Non-verbal communication and cultural influences in this context.
- Meta-pragmatic analyses and awareness.

Anticipated Timeline:

- Abstract Deadline: **March 31, 2024**
- Abstract acceptance/rejection Notification: **April 31, 2024**
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: **July 31, 2024**
- Acceptance/Rejection Notification: **September 30, 2024**
- Publication Time: **April 2025**

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- Ensure the abstract is between 300-400 words, providing a concise overview of your manuscript, including objectives, methodology, and key findings.
- Please add 3-5 words and up to 5 key references.
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