

## Introduction to the Special Issue on DocLing Workshop

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This special issue celebrates the successful years of the Documentary Linguistics Workshop (DocLing). This workshop series was created and has been organized by the Linguistic Dynamics Science Project (LingDy) at ILCAA in collaboration with the Endangered Languages Academic Programme (ELAP) and the Endangered Languages Archive (ELAR) at SOAS (2008–2014) and later with the EL Training group (2015–2016).

Since its inception in 2008, DocLing has been offered every year for nine years. Under the guidance of Peter Austin and David Nathan and the continuous efforts of the LingDy staff members, DocLing has evolved into a world-class workshop on language documentation that now attracts participants from all over Japan and overseas.

Over these nine years, we have trained well over 150 researchers through DocLing, and have consequently gained a lot of experience and knowledge about language documentation training.

This publication reflects on the amazing nine years of DocLing. In addition to the core instructors, we invited the language consultants and participants to provide their different perspectives of DocLing.

We have come a long way, and the situation surrounding DocLing has changed significantly. We hope this publication is an opportunity to summarize what we have accomplished and to think about the way we can extend DocLing into the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who have participated and supported DocLing in any capacity over the years. We could not have accomplished this without your support. Thank you!