

Presentation

Among its goals, the Barcelona Confucius Institute Foundation (FICB) has always sought to promote, encourage, and support research on Chinese language and culture, not only in its local area, but on a global, translocal scale.

The swift growth of demand for Chinese language learning around the world has increased the urgency to produce a larger corpus of research that addresses the teaching of Chinese as a foreign language, while incorporating the growing diversity of experiences, perspectives, and methods put forward by teachers, both native and non-native, in their actual practice. In this sense, *Confuci Acadèmic Journal* seeks to become a meeting point in which all these new trends meet, applying the highest academic standards.

This growing body of research is not limited to linguistic and didactic topics, but also to the most diverse cultural, economic, political and social phenomena of the Sinophone world. For this reason, although the linguistic and pedagogical focus constitutes the foundation of this publication, *Confuci Acadèmic Journal* will also pay utmost attention to the cultural, social, political and economic phenomena in which every language is always imbedded. Therefore, this comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach will be one of the defining features of this publication.

Along with the diversity of approaches and disciplines, *Confuci Acadèmic Journal* also stands out for the diversity of its working languages, which include English, Chinese, Catalan and Spanish, an international vocation that is perfectly mirrored in the geographical diversity of the authors of this first issue: yet another example of the growing global value of Chinese and a factor for enriching research on the Chinese language and culture.

The publishing process for this first issue of *Confuci Acadèmic Journal* has taken place under the exceptional and challenging circumstances of the sanitary crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the complications and setbacks caused by this situation, this first issue has finally been launched. For this we want to thank the members of our Editorial Committee, our Reviewers, and all the Authors that submitted their originals for their interest and support. Also, we thank Beijing Foreign Studies University's Office for Confucius Institutes for the support they have provided for the publication of this first issue.

We hope that, issue after issue, *Confuci Acadèmic Journal* will provide our authors and readers with a key platform for academic communication and exchange.

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