

The Department of English and Humanities has organized an International Conference on “Language, Literature and Community” at ULAB with support from The American Center, Dhaka. We are very glad to be able to publish this volume of *Crossings* to coincide with the event.

This issue of *Crossings* has gone through rigorous reviews and edits to present articles truly worthy of publication. For the first time, the editorial team checked each article for plagiarism using a plagiarism checker and the results were gratifying. We turned down a few authors who did not pass the test and others were asked to rewrite. The editorial team felt this exercise was necessary as accidental or intentional plagiarism is rampant in our country and needs to be checked.

This volume has four sections: first, the Special Papers; second, articles on Literature; third, articles on Linguistics and Language; and fourth, Book Reviews. Of the two papers in the Special Papers section, Dr. Joseph Brooker’s is the product of a talk given at ULAB last December. The other author, Dr. Claire Chambers, is a plenary speaker at the international conference. We are grateful to both authors for their contributions to this issue.

The editorial team aims to disseminate this journal as widely as possible and it is hoped that the launch of this issue at the international conference will support that endeavor.

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