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PRESENTATION

The **TISLR** is the world's most important international conference for sign language studies. The nine edition of the conference attracted researchers who work in various sign languages that have different and similar linguistic typologies. The studies encompass various areas of linguistics from formal to applied studies. The conference have exhibited a significant development of studies of an increasing number of sign languages. This growth in research, shared and published through the editions of **TISLR**, gives visibility to sign languages from countries such as Brazil and creates opportunities for comparative analysis. It has thus become an event that goes beyond borders. The **TISLR 9** was a space for socialization of studies about the world's different sign languages that seeks explanations for linguistic facts considering the visual-spatial modality that is specific to these languages. For the first time, the event was being held outside North America and Europe and included the participation of researchers from throughout the world, and in particular, Brazilian researchers who have been studying Brazilian sign language to make this a special edition of **TISLR**. We had researchers represented from 33 different countries in Brazil, from December 6th to 9th, in 2006, at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina.

The theme of the 9th edition of **TISLR** was the development of sign language studies from the 1960's until today with a look at lines of research for the future. The conference title was: **Sign Languages: spinning and unraveling the past, present and future**. There were presentations from the scholars who conducted the first sign language studies, as well as researchers who are indicating new directions for study. This volume brings 45 papers e 3 posters presented during the conference available in an electronic version without any cost. This is possible, because we had financial support from Brazilian Federal funding from CNPq, CAPES, MEC/SEESP, FINEP and CORDE. Giving continuity to previous editions, interlinguistic studies were on the agenda, because they contributed to a delineation of the linguistic universals of the visual-spatial modality in relation to the oral-auditory modality.

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