

## Preface

We are happy to announce the first volume of *Bergen Language and Linguistics Studies* (BeLLS). The volume consists of selected papers from *the Third Scandinavian PhD Conference in Linguistics and Philology in Bergen* held in June 2009. BeLLS is an open-access peer-reviewed electronic book series that will publish original research on language and linguistics. The series will cover a broad range of topics, and is aimed at an international readership. As the title of the first volume indicates, publications should have a connection with institutions of higher education in Bergen.

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