

Preface for the Number Dedicated to Prof. Brady

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Prof. Alan Brady got an M.A. in Linguistics from New York University in 1982, and a Ph.D in Applied Linguistics from Lancaster University in England in 2000. After four years of teaching at the Heian Jogakuin College, he has been teaching at our School of Sociology since 1991.

His research is essentially about the English education for Japanese students and especially students in sociology. He wrote many papers about this and was selected as featured speaker at the Asian Conference on Education for Sustainability in 2014 and 2015. From his research, we can recognize that in the age of globalization, we have to reconsider the role of English education in our society. Therefore, we have to ask what should be the English education in the university and especially at the school of sociology. The response of Prof. Brady to this question is “Sociology in English”. By learning sociology in English, which is a second language for Japanese students, students can acquire and improve not only an aptitude for English and sociology but also their critical thinking.

In applying his research, he has contributed much to the education of our School. Personally, ten years ago, I took his course at Graduate School precisely in order to adapt to the age of globalization, which was asking me to do more and more sociology in English.

Beginning from the academic year 2017, our school of Sociology will offer “Sociology in English” classes. I sincerely hope the idea of sociology in English introduced by Prof. Brady will thrive in the future.