

Ethical Charter

Introduction

The Halliday & Hasan Archive Working Group is a sub-committee of ASFLA, tasked with preparing the unpublished materials from the estates of MAK Halliday and Ruqaiya Hasan for permanent preservation in physical and digital form via the Halliday & Hasan Archive.

The Working Group is chaired by Helen Caple, and members are David Butt, Frances Christie, Yaegan Doran and Geoff Williams. As a team, we are committed to making decisions that represent ASFLA as an organisation and that are consistent with our values.

We hope that the Halliday & Hasan Archive will grow to hold a special place in the hearts and minds of many, and this ethical charter will hold us accountable to best achieve the objectives of the Working Group for the benefit of all.

We depend upon members of the SFL community world-wide for support, and we extend a warm welcome to all to our community.

Our Vision

We are committed to our relationships with family members and former colleagues of MAK Halliday and Ruqaiya Hasan, and to bringing the unpublished materials of these two scholars to the wider SFL community so that they may engage with them in a free and equitable manner. We respect the legacies of Halliday and Hasan and recognise that there are many stories yet to be told in these unpublished materials.

Our Principles

To be transparent: We pride ourselves on being open, honest and transparent and hold ourselves accountable for our actions.

To act with integrity: We commit ourselves to always behaving ethically and appropriately, no matter how difficult the situation.

To be financially accountable: We strive to respect the privacy of all who donate funds to assist with the preservation of the materials, and to ensure that all donated funds are directed towards this purpose.

To deliver ethical and sustainable practices: We strive to deliver open access to the records and unpublished materials of Halliday and Hasan. We aim to make ethical decisions concerning the accessibility of the Halliday & Hasan Archive where possible and where this does not impinge on the privacy of family and colleagues.

To provide an inclusive platform for all scholars: We aim to provide an inclusive digital platform for scholars to freely access the archive.

To expand the development of linguistic theories through engagement with the Halliday & Hasan Archive: We commit to consultation with all partners within the linguistics community and to motivate others to participate in our vision.



Helen Caple (Chair)

On behalf of the Working Group