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Research Achievement Report FY2018

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主たる研究テーマ Principal Research Subject	LINGUISTICS (SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION)
<p>In addition to my academic communication courses that focus on presentation and debate skills, I have been teaching and further developing content-based introductory elective courses in several subfields of linguistics. I have also created a new advanced English discussion elective course for AY2019 centred on the broad theme of human progress. Two of my articles on the development of critical thinking skills through an engagement with literature were published, one in the <i>Frontier of Foreign Language Education</i> and another in the <i>Proceedings of the Asian Conference on Language Learning</i>. An additional article on news-centred debate in an EFL context was also accepted for publication in the forthcoming issue of the <i>Frontier of Foreign Language Education</i>. Furthermore, I presented one of the above papers at the <i>Asian Conference on Language Learning</i> in Kobe in April and accepted an invitation to give a faculty development lecture at the English Department of Kansai University on the topic of debate as a language learning activity in November. Finally, I designed a research project to empirically investigate the ways in which tasks based on digital game activities may facilitate English language learning in the context of a Japanese university. I submitted a Kakenhi grant application for this project and also used it as the basis for a successful PhD proposal at Kyoto University.</p>	