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- Essay style opinion-based pieces on professional issues in the field of forensic and legal linguistics;
- Notifications of successful PhDs in the field of forensic and legal linguistics so as to inform fellow researchers and foster collaboration between early career and established researchers in related fields.
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