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Variation and Change in Spoken and Written Discourse

Chapter 13-15.1 This book focuses on aspects of variation and change in language use in spoken and written discourse on the basis of corpus analyses, providing new descriptive insights, and methods of utilizing small specialized corpora for the description of language use.

Chapter 15.2 This chapter focuses on the development of the methodology of variation and change, a range of recently-developed methodological innovations, such as methods for quantifying the linguistic variation (that is a prerequisite for language change) or new methods for analyzing large corpora, presents a range of descriptive and interpretative methodologies and discusses their strengths and weaknesses.

Chapter 15.3 In this chapter, the authors present a range of general issues, the book also offers new insights into several specific areas in the history of English, both in its standard and vernacular forms. The book is therefore also the first to examine current theories of social-stylistic variation by using fresh quantitative data.

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Language and Contact Language in Arabic-Aleya Bouzidh 2013-03-13 This book contains 17 studies by leading international scholars working on a wide range of topics in Arabic sociolinguistics, divided into four parts. The studies in Part I address questions of national language planning in a diglossic situation, with a particular focus on North Africa. Part 2 explores the relationship of identity and language choice in different Arabic-speaking communities both within and outside the Arab World. Part 3 examines language choice in such diverse contexts as popular preaching, humour and Arabic women’s writing. Part 4 contains 5 papers in which various empirical aspects of the many topics above are addressed, including areas not usually covered in introductory texts, e.g. the phonological, morphto-syntactic, discourse/pragmatic approaches sociolinguistic approaches. This book provides a wide-ranging introduction to key areas of current research, which will be of interest to the general sociolinguist as well as the Arabic language specialist.

Variationist Sociolinguistics-Sali A. Tagliamonte 2011-10-03 Variationist Sociolinguistics: Change, Observation, Interpretation presents a comprehensive, intermediate level examination of Language Variation and Change, the branch of sociolinguistics concerned with linguistic variation in spoken and written language. Rate of change, and socio-cultural processes such as contact, migration, and syncretism are all examined, with particular attention to the factors underlying the spread of linguistic features within communities. One of the guiding principles of the book is a focus on the role played by linguistic variables in the study of sociolinguistic processes. The book includes a wide range of case studies from around the world, including areas such as urban centers, rural areas, and migrant communities. It is an important resource for students and researchers in the field of sociolinguistics.

Language and Change in Variability-Gabriel Levy 2008-02-20 While much has been written about variability in language, this book provides a comprehensive, in-depth analysis of the factors that influence language change and variability. Levy explores the role of social factors, such as gender, age, and occupation, in shaping language use and change. He also examines the role of language contact and migration in the spread of linguistic features, as well as the role of language ideologies and attitudes. This book is an essential resource for students and researchers interested in the study of language change and variability.

Sociolinguistic Variation and Change-Peter Trudgill 2002 This is a book of selection of Peter Trudgill’s major works since 1999, appearing here in updated and revised form.

Sign Language Roland Pils 2012-08-31 Sign language linguists show here that all questions relevant to the linguistic investigation of spoken languages can be asked about sign languages even if signs cannot convey meaning in the same way as words can. The main focus of the book is on sign language variation, even though it is better described as variation and change in spoken languages. The ISK handbook Sign Language aims to provide a concise and comprehensive overview of the state of the art in sign language linguistics. It includes 44 state-of-the-art conceptual articles, written in an accessible English, and including articles on sign language variation and change, sociolinguistics, and language documentation and transcription. Crucially, all topics are presented in a way that makes them accessible to linguists who are not familiar with sign language linguistics.

Varieties of Spoken French-Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics and French Studies Sylvain Detey 2016-08-23 This book examines the variation found in spoken French. Chapters in Part I are devoted to the study of individual samples of French spoken from all over the world, covering phonological and grammatical features as well as lexical and cultural aspects. A class-friendly ready-to-use multimedia version of these 17 chapters as well as a full transcription of each extract is provided, with the sound files also available on the book’s companion website. Part 3 looks at inter- and intra-speaker variation; it begins with chapters that provide the methodological background to the study of these phenomena using databases, while the second section, authors present case studies of a number of PFC survey areas all over the world. In this book, the authors discuss the current state of knowledge about the French language and the variety of spoken French in the world, all aspects of French language and linguistics.

The Dynamics of Linguistic Variation-Trutt Naveilhan 2008-12-03 Variation is characteristic of any living language. This volume approaches the ‘cycle of life’ of linguistic variation through the integration of data from different areas, such as historical and contemporary, synchronic and diachronic, and quantitative and interpretive. It includes fifteen contributions divided into three sections, each highlighting different stages in the dynamics of English across time and space. Each section begins with an introductory chapter, which sets the stage for the subsequent chapters, and concludes with a summary of the key findings. The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the study of linguistic variation and change.

Language and Space-Peter Auer 2010 The dimensions of time and space fundamentally cause and shape the variability of all human language. To reduce investigation of this massive parameter to manageable proportions, researchers have traditionally concentrated on the deepest dialects. But it is increasingly apparent that, although most people still speak with a distinct regional coloration, the new mobility of speakers in recently industrialized and postindustrial societies and the efflorescence of communication technologies has had a significant impact. This book provides a wide-ranging introduction to key areas of current research, which will be of interest to the general sociolinguist as well as the Arabic language specialist.

English in Computer-Mediated Communication-Lauren Squires 2014-02-16 This book addresses the nature of English use within contexts of computer-mediated communication (CMC). It examines the impact of technology on language use and explores the relationship between language variation and the Internet. The book covers a wide range of topics, including the evolution of Netspeak, the development of Internet English, and the role of new technologies in shaping language use. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the study of English in CMC.

Thinking About Language-Srinivas Chapman 2006-07-14 Thinking About Language is a lively and engaging introduction to the field of linguistics. It covers a wide range of topics, including the nature of language, the relationship between language and thought, and the role of language in society. The book is written in a clear and accessible style, making it ideal for students new to the field of linguistics.

Language History, Language Change, and Language Relationship-Hans Heinrich Höck 2019-09-02 Why does language change? Why can we speak to and understand one another even though our languages are different? Why do we use different words for the same thing? This book provides an overview of the history and development of language, focusing on key concepts and theories. It covers a wide range of topics, including the origins of language, the evolution of language, and the relationship between language and culture. The book is written in a clear and accessible style, making it ideal for students new to the field of linguistics.

Germanic Heritage Languages in North America-Jame Bondi-Johannesen 2015-08-15 This book presents new empirical findings about Heritage German varieties spoken in various settings in North America, including in Eisvogel, Norwegian, Dutch, and Swedish. The book covers a wide range of topics, including the evolution of these varieties, the influence of contact with English, and the role of these varieties in contemporary language use. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the study of Germanic heritage languages in North America.

The Sociolinguistics of Grammar-Tor A. Eidt 2014-04-01 The aim of this book is to investigate and gain new insights on how to what extent the wider sociolinguistic context of language use and contact impinges on formal grammatical structures. The papers contained in this book approach this important problem from various points of view by focusing on language evolution and change, on sociolinguistics, language mixing and dialect variation, on spoken language, and on
Variation and Change—Mirjam Fried 2010 The ten volumes of the “Handbook of Pragmatics Highlights” focus on the most salient topics in the field of pragmatics, thus dividing its wide interdisciplinary spectrum in a transparent and manageable way. While the other volumes select specific philosophical, cognitive, grammatical, cultural, interactional, or discourse angles, this sixth volume focuses on the dynamic aspects of language and reviews the relevant developments in variationist and diachronic scholarship. The areas explored in the volume concern several general themes: specific methodological approaches, from comparative reconstruction to evolutionary pragmatics; issues in intra-lingual variation in terms of standard and non-standard varieties; cross-linguistic variation, including its cross-cultural dimension; and the study of diachronic relations across linguistic patterns, including changes in all areas of pragmatic patterns and categories. The contributions document two prominent and interrelated trends that shape contemporary variationist and diachronic research. One, it has moved from situating change within context-independent systems toward incorporating patterns of language use and the speaker’s role in language change. And two, it has reoriented its focus away from cataloging instances of variation and toward seeking theoretically informed accounts that aim at “explaining” variation and change. On the whole, the volume argues for accepting and developing actively a systematic connection between research in diachrony, synchronic variation, and typology, while also incorporating the socio-cognitive perspective in linguistic analysis as a particularly promising source of useful methodology and explanatory models.

Fula spoken in the City of Maroua (Northern Cameroon) Jean Pierre Boutché Zusammenfassung This book investigates the speech of non-ethnic Fula speakers in Maroua, Northern Cameroon, focused on the Christian community, where the language is adopted as evangelistic instrument beside French. Three key reasons motivate our investigation. First: Context - Fula is embedded in a multilingual contact situation with Indo-European languages (French, English) and many other local languages belonging to Afro-Asiatic, Nilo-Saharan and Niger-Congo phyla. Second: Fula as a lingua franca in the region. This status is unique compared to the situation in other countries such as Senegal, Chad or Sudan where it is mainly an intraethnic medium of communication. Third: In contrast to the common perception of Fula as the language of a Muslim community - here we are targeting the Christian Fula speakers who share the language as well as the Bible (translated into Fula) as common goods for interethnic communication in their religious activities.