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Editorial Review

Review

A superb volume that weaves together the complex threads of sociological theory, linguistic analysis and practical application that characterise this important and influential field. The contributions offer a range and depth of coverage that is not found elsewhere. Highly recommended for all serious students of the social dimensions of language

Ian Hutchby

Professor of Sociology, University of Leicester

The best, the most complete and the most integrated handbook of sociolinguistics of the past decade. It is a collection well worth having, returning to again and again and constantly keeping within easy reach for frequent reference on the part of students and faculty alike

Joshua A. Fishman

Emeritus Professor (Yeshiva University), NYU and Stanford University

Starting with the people, ideas and research that mark the genesis of sociolinguistics, this handbook takes us through its theoretical, methodological and empirical development over the last half century into the wide spectrum of work it now encompasses. It is a tough challenge to do justice to such breadth and depth in one publication, but the editors have succeeded in compiling an impressive, structured collection of chapters covering a well-chosen range of key topics in sociolinguistics, and expertly written by leading sociolinguists. This will be an important and rewarding book for all those studying the social aspects of language

Peter Garrett

Centre for Language and Communication Research, Cardiff University

This book is a treasure trove for sociolinguistic researchers and students alike. Edited by three leading sociolinguists, the 39 chapters cover a wealth of valuable material which includes accounts of the work of the founding figures of sociolinguistics, coverage of major theoretical approaches and sociolinguistic concepts, as well as consideration of some of the applications of sociolinguistics. And the cast list reads like a veritable Who's Who of sociolinguistics, with a refreshing number of younger scholars included along with more familiar, well-established names. The geographical spread is also good, with a number of sociolinguists from outside Europe and the USA, and sociolinguistic research which extends beyond the anglophone world...This is a book that I will reach for often, both for research and teaching purposes. I will recommend it to my postgraduate students, and many of the chapters will provide excellent material for discussion in our advanced undergraduate sociolinguistics course

Janet Holmes

The Sage Handbook of Sociolinguistics - edited by three well-known researchers in the field of sociolinguistics: Ruth Wodak, Barbara Johnstone and Paul Kerswill - is a comprehensive volume on the state of sociolinguistic research today... The intended audience appears to be higher-level students and researchers. The style of most of the papers was accessible and did not require too much background knowledge. Many of the papers were excellent introductions to a particular facet of sociolinguistic research... Papers from the volume would... make good supplementary reading at an undergraduate level, and the volume should be considered essential reading for any graduate student embarking on sociolinguistic research.

Louise de Beuzeville

Journal of Discourse and Communication

The SAGE volume stands out from its competitors with a series of chapters that are organized around the work of influential foundational scholars, namely chapters on Ferguson and Fishman (written by Spolsky), Labov (Hazen), Bernstein (Ivinson), Hymes (Johnstone and Marcellino), and Gumperz (Gordon). In addition, two chapters from the section on Sociolinguistics and Social Theory also focus on the work of one particular scholar, namely 'Symbolic interactionism, Erving Goffman and sociolinguistics' (Kendall) and 'Ethnomethodology and Membership Categorization Analysis' (Garot and Berard), which focuses on the work and influence of Harold Garfinkel. To readers in the field, these biographical chapters are especially useful where they explore and explain the respective scholar's major contributions to sociolinguistic theory and place them in their historical and intellectual context. (Philipp Sebastian Angermeyer)

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Barbara Johnstone's previous work has been in these areas:

Discourse structure and function: forms and functions of narrative; women's and men's narrative; functions of repetition in discourse and their implications for linguistic theory; cross-cultural study of rhetorical discourse; current work on the individual voice in linguistic and rhetorical theory, on the rhetorical construction of place and local identity through discourse about local speech in Pittsburgh.

Sociolinguistics: Regional/social variation in discourse structure and strategy; interactional sociolinguistics; ethnography of communication; gender and regional variation in discourse style; methodology in qualitative sociolinguistics; current work on urban North Midland English in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Editor, *Language in Society*, 2005-present.

Rhetoric, history and theory: Persuasive talk; cross-cultural study of persuasive styles in the U.S. and the Middle East.

Professor of Linguistics at Lancaster University. He is on the editorial board of *Journal of Sociolinguistics* and is co-editor of two book series, *Edinburgh Sociolinguistics* (EUP) and *Studies in Language Variation* (Benjamins).

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