

# ESSAYS ON LANGUAGE USE, VARIATION AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS LANGUAGE IN WEST AFRICA

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## CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Issues of language use, variation and attitudes towards language have, for a long time, formed areas of interest in sociolinguistics, particularly following the works of Labov, Trudgill, Hymes, Gumperz, L. Milroy and so on, and they will continue to do so, especially with globalization, the increasing rates of in-migration and migration within and across countries of the world. The impacts of these phenomena on languages and language use and attitudes are potentially immense and require regular interrogation and documentation.

The editors of the proposed book invite contributions to the theme of the book from data-driven case studies across West Africa on the languages spoken in the region, covering the indigenous languages as well as Arabic, English, French and Portuguese. The book is intended, mainly, to contribute to the study of the phenomena of language use, variation and attitudes towards language in the West Africa sub-region. In addition, it is to provide scholars and students access to comparative sociolinguistic studies and perspectives from the different cultures and societies in West Africa.

### **Sub-themes:**

Sociolinguistic variation

Pidgins and Creoles

Language change

Discourse Analysis

Bi/multilingualism

Pragmatics

Language contact

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