

Semester III
Sociolinguistics
Code - C1

Module I (20+5 Marks)

Definition, Concepts and Frameworks: defining sociolinguistics, subject matter of sociolinguistics, sociolinguistics and sociology of language, macro and micro Sociolinguistics, traditional dialectology and social dialectology, Defining speech community, verbal and speech repertoire, restricted and elaborated codes, verbal deficit hypothesis

Multilingualism and language contact: bilinguals and bilingualism – typologies, bilingual speech community, domains of language use, code-switching and mixing, language maintenance, shift and death, pidgin and Creole, lingua franca, language loyalty, attitudes towards bilingualism.

Module II

Linguistic Variation: types of variation: standard, non-standard, social, regional and stylistic, variables: marker, indicator and stereotype, Sociolinguistic approaches to the study of stylistic variation in language, how language reflects and maintains social stratification, local factors: social network and communities of practice

Sociolinguistics of Interaction: communicative competence: ethnography of speaking, Power and Solidarity, introduction to face theory, linguistic politeness, intercultural communication, pronouns of power and solidarity, address terms, communication accommodation, diaglossia.

References:

Text books:

- HOLMES Janet 2001. An Introduction to Sociolinguistics. London: Longman. 2nd edition
MEYERHOFF, Miriam, 2006 , Introducing Sociolinguistics, London and New York: Routledge
TRUDGILL, Peter. 1974. Sociolinguistics. Harmondsworth: Penguin.
WARDHAUGH, Ronald 1997. An Introduction to Sociolinguistics. Oxford: Blackwell. 3rd edition. ***

Additional Reading

- COUPLAND, Nikolas and JAWORSKI, Adam (eds.) 1997 Sociolinguistics: A Reader and Coursebook. Basingstoke: Macmillan
FASOLD, Ralph 1984. The Sociolinguistics of Society. Oxford: Blackwell
FASOLD, Ralph 1990 The Sociolinguistics of Language. Oxford: Blackwell

FISHMAN, Joshua, (ed.) 1968. Readings in the Sociology of Language. The Hague: Mouton.
LABOV, William, 2006. Social Stratification Language in New York City. Cambridge: CUP. 2nd edition.
ROMAINE, Susan, 1995, Bilingualism, Oxford: Blackwell, 2nd edition
TRUDGILL, Peter and CHESHIRE, Jenny (eds.) 1998 The Sociolinguistics Reader. Volume 1: Multilingualism and Variation. London: Arnold.

Relevant journal (available in the University's online journal access system)

Language and society, Cambridge University Press.
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=LSY>

Additional references for specific topics will be supplied during the lectures.