

Special Issue

Language Use in the Middle East and North Africa

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue seeks to bring together research that explores language use and interaction within the diverse social fabric of the Middle East and North Africa (Suleiman, 1999). In addition to studies about any variety of Arabic (e.g., Bassiouney, 2009), studies about language contact between Arabic and other regional languages (e.g., Abd-el-Jawad, 2016), e.g., Hebrew, Berber, Kurdish, Turkish, Persian, English, and French, are welcome. Studies can also be related to the influence of the media (e.g., Tagliamonte, 2014; Habib, 2018), social media (e.g., Habib, In Press), internet, texting, and international-school education on the use of Arabic in the face of the dominant use of English, and in some cases French, in these media. Studies may consider, besides linguistic and social factors (e.g., Labov, 2001) (such as age, gender, social class, locality, ethnicity, education, social networks, and identity), various linguistically influential aspects of society, e.g., religious (e.g., Yaeger-Dror, 2014), economic, attitudinal, political, ideological, psychological/cognitive, and cultural (e.g., Labov, 2010).

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