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Themes in Language, Education & Development in Kenya

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Nsemia Inc. Publishers announces the publication of **Themes in Language, Education & Development in Kenya** edited by Nathan Oyori Ogechi.

Language plays a major role in the development of societies and nations. The authors of this collection of fourteen scholarly articles on aspects of language and its relationship with, society, education and development in Kenya, follow Morgan Dalphinis remarks that:

"... to speak a language means more than an exercise in the use of a given syntax and morphology, it implies the support of a whole culture and civilization. Moreover, it is in language that people learn, relate to each other as social animals in a material world of production, reproduction, distribution and exchange".

It is not only important to understand specific languages but to also appreciate associated structural linguistics as a means of appreciating the underlying, rich cultural aspects of those languages. In this book authors capture the richness of language and linguistics aspects of some of Kenyan languages, namely Kiswahili, EkeGusii, Dholuo and Ateso as well as appropriated languages used in Kenya such as English and French.

Themes in Language, Education & Development in Kenya discusses aspects of language and its relationship with, society, education and development in Kenya. As much as possible, the authors have anchored their arguments on relevant theoretical and conceptual frameworks with chapters written either in English or Kiswahili while the abstract is written in a different language from that of the body of the chapter.

Educators, students and general readers interested in issues of language, linguistics, pedagogy and development will find great benefit from this book. In particular, students and lecturers of African linguistics, English, Kiswahili, Education and Sociology would be great beneficiaries.

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