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the multilingual situation in cameroon and the status of english as a co official language  
constitute a unique and fascinating case for sociolinguistic investigation drawing from first

hand material the author investigates several aspects of this complex configuration including the historical development of english in cameroon the various languages and lingua franca areas the linguistic policy the de facto status of english and the situation in the anglophone provinces the speech community of the anglophones is highlighted as a rare example of an ethnicity tied to the second language apart from important sociolinguistic findings the work includes a novel corpus based analysis of cameroon english certain lexical phenomena are explained by the cognitive coding of culture particularly the african cultural model of community which also underlies the self perception of the anglophones a perspective hitherto neglected in the study of the new englishes

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descriptions of new varieties of european languages in postcolonial contexts have focused exceedingly on system based indigenisation and variation this volume while further illustrating processes and instantiations of indigenisation at this level incorporates investigations of sociolinguistic and pragmatic phenomena in daily social interaction e g politeness respect compliment response naming and address forms and gender through innovative analytic frameworks that view indigenisation from emic perspectives focusing on postcolonial cameroon and using natural and questionnaire data the book assesses the salience of linguistic and sociocultural hybridisation triggered by colonialism and recently globalisation in interaction in and across languages and cultures the authors illustrate how the multilingual nature of the society and individuals multilingual repertoires shape patterns in the indigenisation and evolution of the ex colonial languages english and french and pidgin english

cameroon pidgin english cpe is an english lexified atlantic expanded pidgin creole spoken in some form by an estimated 50 of cameroon s population primarily in the anglophone west regions but also in urban centres throughout the country primarily a spoken language cpe enjoys a vigorous oral presence in cameroon and the linguistic examples illustrating this description are drawn from a spoken corpus consisting of a range of text types including oral narratives radio broadcasts and spontaneous conversation the authors typologically framed investigation of the features of the language from its phonetics phonology and lexicon to its syntax and discourse structure allows the reader a clear view of the linguistic character of cpe offering a comprehensive description of the language that will be of interest to creolists as well as linguists interested in african languages contact linguistics and comparative linguistics

this volume on the cameroonian english contains two main sections the first section is devoted to the history of language contact in cameroon contact with islam and contact with europeans the development of english in cameroon the teaching of english in cameroon in various stages of its history and on idiosyncratic aspects of this variety of english the second section is the text part of the volume consisting of sixteen printed texts mostly modern but also five extracts of historical significance eleven written texts essays on pedagogical subjects personal letters a folk history an academic paper and literary extracts and 13 oral texts interviews radio these texts have been selected because of their linguistic interest and because of the information they provide on cameroonian life and culture

essays on language communication and literature in africa explores language choice questions together with domain driven lingua communicative and literary resources situated within the discourses of law culture medicine visual art politics the media music and literature in africa it identifies the distinctive african paraphernalia of these discourses and foregrounds their real world and mediated cultural and societal values and highlights the western presence through the inclusion of aspects of shakespearean perspectives which bear universal tidings and speak to the african gender tradition the chapters attention to verbal and visual artistic communicative mechanisms underlines such engagements as multilingualism policies socio political declension social dynamism and cultural interventions that characterise the african setting these realities are discussed in impressive detail authoritative scholastic depth and effective stylistic tones that reflect the authors familiarity with the facets of african societies deducible from language communication and literature

africa s political wastelands explores and confirms the fact that because of irresponsible corrupt selfish and unpatriotic kleptocrats parading as leaders the ultimate breakdown of order has become the norm in african nations especially those south of the sahara the result is the virtual annihilation of once thriving and proud nations along with the citizenry who are transformed into wretches vagrants and in the extreme refugees doh uses cameroon as an exemplary microcosm to make this point while still holding imperialist ambitions largely responsible for the status quo in africa ultimately in the hope of jumpstarting the process he makes pertinent suggestions on turning the tide on the continent

this book is the first in depth treatment from a linguistic perspective of the chinese presence in africa it is essentially a detailed study on communication in various domains between chinese immigrants in cameroon and the local community with whom they interact in eight chapters this well organized book is able to give a relatively detailed sociolinguistic

description of the host country cameroon provide a good theoretical background of the study outline the methodology used for the study which involved mainly a questionnaire survey semi structured interviews and field observations before drawing conclusions to the study this is a brilliant contribution to a growing literature on the global chinese diaspora adams bodomo professor of african studies chair of linguistics and literatures at the university of vienna austria

this book initiates the process of codification of a postcolonial variety of english namely cameroon english it focuses on the present day lexicon of this non native variety of english english has been in use in this territory for a long period of time and over the years it has developed some characteristic lexical features which have not as yet been described fully previous researchers have been regarding linguistic innovations as cases of lexical errors or cameroonisms as a result teachers and language purists have been discouraging their usage today it is obvious that these innovations have come to stay they are specific to cameroon and therefore constitute cameroon s contribution to the development of world language english the book is divided into two parts part one gives background information on cameroon physical and human geography economy and geopolitics the language situation in cameroon ancestral and vehicular languages major lingua francas and official languages and the linguistic features of english in cameroon phonology grammar and lexicology part two describes the research design textual material method of data collection and informants and provides a lexicographic description spelling word formative process definition of characteristic cameroon english lexemes

the dis empowerment of languages through language policy in multilingual postcolonial communities often shapes speakers identification with these languages their attitude towards other languages in the community and their choices in interpersonal and intergroup communication focusing on the dynamics of cameroon s multilingualism this book contributes to current debates on the impact of politic language policy on daily language use in sociocultural and interpersonal interactions multiple identity construction indigenous language teaching and empowerment the use of cameroon pidgin english in certain formal institutional domains initially dominated by the official languages and linguistic patterns of social interaction for politeness respect and in group bonding due to the multiple perspectives adopted the book will be of interest to sociolinguists applied linguists pragmaticians afrikanists and scholars of postcolonial linguistics

the anglophone question postcolonial hegemony in cameroon the past that did not pass is a comprehensive collection of essays and analyses that explore the historical colonial

postcolonial legal and international relations aspects of the politico cultural and linguistic crisis between the english speaking former british southern cameroons now divided into the northwest and southwest regions and the french speaking majority of the former french cameroon la république du cameroun this conflict has shaken cameroon to its core since the 1990s and led to an armed conflict between the government of cameroon and anglophone non state armed groups the premise of this book is that the anglophone question the problematic situation of the muted english and pidgin speaking minority in french cameroon is one of the unfinished items of business of world war i and the treaty of versailles of 1919 that resolved the conflicts of that great conflict the anglophone conflict has been exacerbated by the authoritarian republican chieftaincy that was installed in cameroon after independence and reunification this neo patrimonial kleptocratic regime of cameroon has with the support of its international partners emphasized the argument of force rather than the force of argument thereby creating yet another frozen african conflict the anglophone question cannot vanish by some political maneuver as cameroon s senile nonagenarian president has done over the decades with his ossified knee excruciatingly painful on the nation s neck that is my takeaway after reading this insightful well argued exhaustively researched highly intellectualized yet practical compendium of chapters that bear an unapologetic witness to the horrific anglophone problem i celebrate the authors fearlessness articulation and lucid presentation as the establishment continues to seal its ears with candle wax i ll reverse president paul biya s mantra and say rule 1 there is an anglophone problem rule 2 when in doubt consult rule 1 uche onyebadi phd texas christian university texas usa

political handbook of the world annually provides up to date political information on all the world s countries in a balanced accurate and comprehensive manner a singular and authoritative reference work for nearly 70 years each new volume builds on the research and scholarship of previous editions offering rare insight into stories making headlines judiciously outlining contemporary conflicts and analysing current foreign policy within the informed context of past events and decisions it is considered to be the single volume reference work of choice for libraries diplomats academic faculties international corporations and others needing accurate timely information

this volume provides a systematic comparative treatment of urban contact dialects in the global north and south examining the emergence and development of these dialects in major cities in sub saharan africa and north western europe the book s focus on contemporary urban settings sheds light on the new language practices and mixed ways of speaking

resulting from large scale migration and the intense contact that occurs between new and existing languages and dialects in these contexts in comparing these new patterns of language variation and change between cities in both africa and europe the volume affords us a unique opportunity to examine commonalities in linguistic phenomena as well as sociolinguistic differences in societally multilingual settings and settings dominated by a strong monolingual habitus these comparisons are reinforced by a consistent chapter structure with each chapter presenting the linguistic and social context of the region information on available data including corpora sociolinguistic and structural findings a discussion of the status of the urban contact dialect and its stability over time the discussion in the book is further enriched by short commentaries from researchers contributing different theoretical and geographical perspectives taken as a whole the book offers new insights into migration based linguistic diversity and patterns of language variation and change making this ideal reading for students and scholars in general linguistics and language structure sociolinguistics creole studies diachronic linguistics language acquisition anthropological linguistics language education and discourse analysis

cameroon s suboptimal economic experience since independence 1960 sheds light on broader issues of africa s development narrative and provides valuable economic and policy knowledge while cameroon s large informal economy is diverse and resilient and rooted in old business traditions its formal economy has exhibited low productivity and employment growth for over 60 years this has brought anger disappointment and violent conflict in several regions of the country the oxford handbook of the economy of cameroon examines the reasons of cameroon s unsatisfactory economic performance and draws lessons from successful development experience to help tackle these issues the handbook provides a critical assessment of the history patterns and strategies of economic development in cameroon and outlines new approaches to economic enquiry for prosperity and social change through cameroon s governance story the handbook analyzes the evolving conceptions of economic policy takes stock of intellectual progress documents the challenges of implementation and outlines the intellectual and policy agenda ahead for a developing country increases in per capita income arise from advances in technology arise from closing the knowledge and technology gap with those at the frontier and within any country especially one like cameroon there is enormous scope for productivity improvement simply by closing the gap between best practices and average practices standards of living can therefore be improved through the implementation of pertinent learning strategies in this oxford handbook of the economy of cameroon an international team of leading development economists and researchers address the wide range of issues facing cameroon and provide

guiding principles on how best the country and other developing nations could move human capital and financial resources from low to high productivity sectors in a constantly changing global economy

this book investigates the linguistic landscape of Cameroon a heavily multilingual postcolonial context specifically it examines the sociolinguistic pragmatic and cognitive aspects of signpost messages in Buea Douala Yaounde and Dschang the book stems from the observation that messages displayed on signposts in Cameroon reveal significant sociolinguistic information about the nation the investigation is therefore couched in the premise that the messages displayed on signposts in Cameroon constitute a window to the sociolinguistic landscape of the country through observation photographing questionnaires and interviews a total number of 1500 signpost messages targeted for the investigation together with one hundred and seventy 170 interview responses from some authors of the messages were collected these data were analysed both quantitatively and qualitatively from the perspectives of the sociolinguistic approach pragmatic approach and construction grammar approach to world Englishes revealing multidimensional findings

while the world seems to be getting ever smaller and globalization has become the ubiquitous buzz word regionalism and fragmentation also abound this might be due to the fact that far from being the alleged production of cultural homogeneity the global is constantly re defined and altered through the local this tension pervading much of contemporary culture has an obvious special relevance for the new varieties of English and the literature published in English world wide postcolonial literatures exist at the interface of English as a hegemonic medium and its many national regional and local competitors that transform it in the new English literatures thus any exploration of a globalization of cultures has to take into account the fact that culture is a complex field characterized by hybridization plurality and difference but while global or transnational cultures may allow for a new cosmopolitanism that produces ever changing fluid identities they do not give rise to an egalitarian global village an asymmetry between centre and periphery remains largely intact albeit along new parameters the essays collected in this volume offer readings of literary theoretical and filmic texts from the postcolonial world these texts are read as attempts to articulate the global with the local from a perspective of immersion in the actual diversity of life worlds focusing on such issues as consumption identity politics and modes of affiliation in this sense they are global fragments locally refracted figurations of an experience of world wide interconnectedness

in this unique volume leading scholars examine how Cameroonians organize and

experience their lives under cameroonian leadership and local responses to that leadership the volume offers essential case studies that allow us to examine the lives of ordinary people in post colonial africa through five lenses politics society and culture economy international relations and migration it places the nation s contemporary challenges within a broader political economic and socio cultural context and uses that to make recommendations for future directions the book also celebrates areas in which the country has done well and calls on its citizens to build on those achievements this volume is forward looking and as such raises important questions about issues of development ethnicity wealth poverty and class

this highly engaging and innovative book about the cameroonian youth language camfranglais explores gender based differences in exposure to and usage of the variety through a comparative study it thus adopts a rare gender based approach to the highly complex linguistic phenomenon camfranglais a mix of french verlan english pidgin and cameroonian languages while youth language studies flourish in sociolinguistic research this book s explicit focus on female speakers their linguistic attitudes and experiences of exclusion is unique it investigates which factors influence language choice among young urban speakers and especially what contributes to the overall male dominance in the usage of camfranglais to achieve this goal the attitudes of both adolescents and adults as well as the channels of reproduction and distribution of the variety are examined a special focus is laid on the processes of conscious transformation and exclusion by which male speakers try to restrict the access for female speakers the book will appeal to academic scholars from a wide variety of fields such as african linguistics anthropology sociology and gender studies as well as the general reader who wants to learn about an exciting language contact scenario and its outcome

the handbook of world englishes is a collection of newly commissioned articles focusing on selected critical dimensions and case studies of the theoretical ideological applied and pedagogical issues related to english as it is spoken around the world represents the cross cultural and international contextualization of the english language articulates the visions of scholars from major varieties of world englishes african asian european and north and south american discusses topics including the sociolinguistic contexts of varieties of english in the inner outer and expanding circles of its users the ranges of functional domains in which these varieties are used the place of english in language policies and language planning and debates about english as a cause of language death murder and suicide

this volume represents a comprehensive description of the structure of cameroonian pidgin including an overview of its socio cultural context writing system sounds word formation word classes and sentence structures it comprises a corpus of 540 cameroonian pidgin proverbs and a rich glossary of over 1000 words and expressions typical of cameroonian pidgin which are helpful in understanding the characteristic features of the language as well as the cultural the social and the philosophical contexts of the cameroonian pidgin speaker written with the first hand experience of a native speaker it will be of interest to ordinary users as well as students researchers and professional linguists interested in the way the language functions indeed it represents a useful resource for anyone wishing to learn or know about pidgin especially tourists and professionals traveling to west and central africa

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