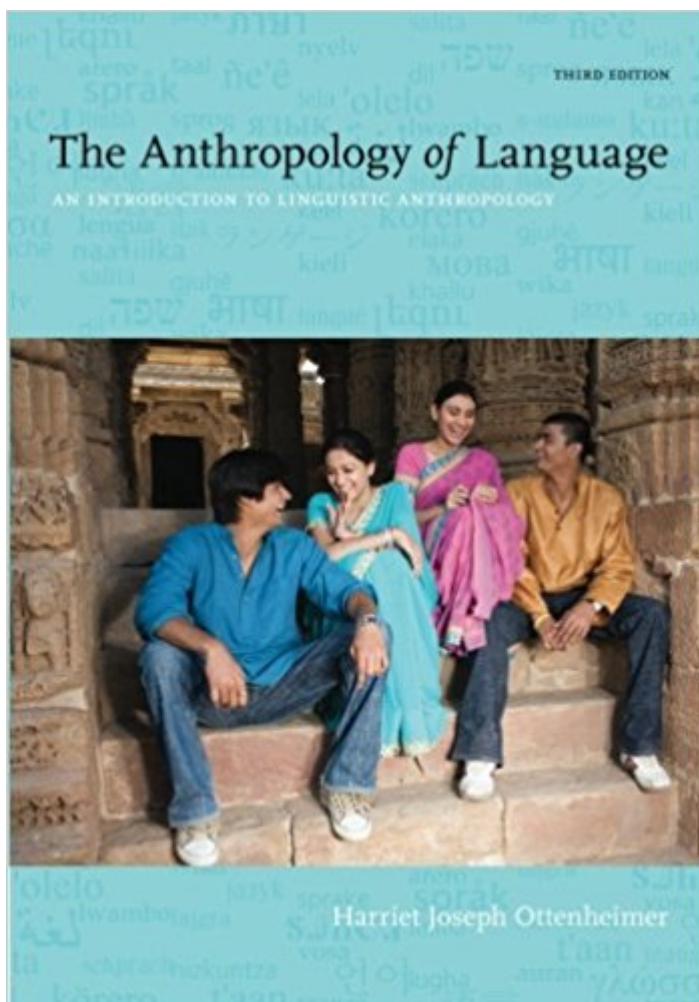


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# The Anthropology Of Language: An Introduction To Linguistic Anthropology



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Ottenheimer's authoritative yet approachable introduction to the field's methodology, skills, techniques, tools, and applications emphasizes the kinds of questions that anthropologists ask about language and the kinds of questions that intrigue students. The text brings together the key areas of linguistic anthropology, addressing issues of power, race, gender, and class throughout. Further stressing the everyday relevance of the text material, Ottenheimer includes "In the Field" vignettes that draw you in to the chapter material via stories culled from her own and others' experiences, as well as "Doing Linguistic Anthropology" and "Cross-Language Miscommunication" features that describe real-life applications of text concepts.

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"The writing style is one of the greatest strengths of this book. The author hits all the key terms needed for an introductory linguistic anthropology course, and her writing style is accessible, engaging, and at times quite humorous. I especially appreciate her ability to inject humor into some rather dry structural linguistic topics." "I find Ottenheimer's *The Anthropology of Language* an extremely useful textbook as a very accessible introduction to linguistic anthropology for lower-division undergraduates. Its range and depth strikes a good balance for those first being introduced to an anthropological approach to language."

Harriet Joseph Ottenheimer, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Kansas State University, has taught Linguistic Anthropology for over 30 years. Her research interests include music, language

and other creative and performative expressions, particularly in African American and African cultures. In addition to extended periods of field research in New Orleans and the Comoro Islands, Dr. Ottenheimer has traveled and lectured widely throughout many other parts of the world. She has special interests in blues, autobiography, transcription, dictionary construction, fieldwork ethics and ethnicity. Dr. Ottenheimer has taught at the University of New Orleans, at Charles University in Prague--on a visiting Fulbright appointment--and at Kansas State University. At KSU, she was the founding director of the interdisciplinary American Ethnic Studies Program, teaching introductory and advanced courses in that program, as well as in cultural and linguistic anthropology. Dr. Ottenheimer has received the Kansas State University President's Award for Distinguished Service to Minority Education and the Charles Irby Award for Distinguished Service to the National Association for Ethnic Studies. She has served as president of the National Association for Ethnic Studies and the Central States Anthropological Association. Dr. Ottenheimer received a B.A. at Bennington College and a Ph.D. at Tulane University and speaks five languages: English, Spanish, French, Russian and Shinzwani. She is attempting to learn to speak and read Czech.

If you like to study languages like me (I have taught myself how to speak Mandarin and Korean on a fluent conversational level) then you'll love this book. Its incredibly informative in that what you need to learn about languages is finally put down into words that are easy to understand and apply. As a language tutor, I found that reading this book helped me to explain concepts easier. Especially when it comes to teaching your student how to look at every language like a new beginning and stop bringing the grammatical baggage that English native speakers always bring to learning new languages. This book is clear and concise and you will learn a lot about your native language as well as your second, third, and (if you are awesome) fourth language as well as give you the tools to pursue another language. :D

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Dr. Ottenheimer has lived a life full of adventure and scholasticism. In this new addition, she implements her vast knowledge of linguistic anthropology and culture for the benefit of her readers. We're taken alongside her many voyages abroad and stateside within as a means of conveying the many concepts that linguistic anthropology encompasses. Her ability to convey and humanize such topics is truly unparalleled.

This book was required for my Anthropology of Language and Culture class. While it was a tad dry at times, it has solid examples and was overall helpful to my learning process. If it is required for a class definitely purchase this book without hesitation. Also if you're interested in the Anthropology of Language this book will be VERY interesting to you, as it was to me. A safe buy to say the least!

I love the way this book is written; very insightful and full of smart anecdotes! I would recommend this to anyone in a linguistic anthropology class or as extra curricular reading.

This book is great, easy to read and involving. I knew nothing about linguistics or anthropology and started reading this book for a class, and I can't put it down. I look forward to my homework. The book tells concepts then explains them with stories and definitions. this helps with learning, interest and remembering.

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