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An introduction to the field of Arabic sociolinguistics

Description
The first introduction to the field of Arabic sociolinguistics, this book discusses major trends in research on diglossia, code-switching, gendered discourse, language variation and change, and language policies in relation to Arabic. In doing so, it introduces and evaluates the various theoretical approaches, and illustrates the usefulness and the limitations of these approaches with empirical data. The book shows how sociolinguistic theories can be applied to Arabic and, conversely, what the study of Arabic can contribute to our understanding of the function of language in society.

Key Features
• Introduces current theories and methods of sociolinguistics, with a special focus on Arabic
• Topics include: language variation and change, gender, religion and politics
• Aimed at students of Arabic with an interest in linguistics and students of linguistics with interest in Arabic

Selling Points
• A related EUP title, Kees Versteegh’s The Arabic Language has sold 500 copies in hardback and 2000 copies in paperback
• This is the first textbook to give an up-to-date account of Arabic sociolinguistics

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