

Language And Power: An Introduction To Institutional Discourse

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Abstract

Language and power: an introduction to institutional discourse is a book written by Mayr, Machin, Abousnoug, and Bastow. It is written for readers, teachers, discourse analysts, and researchers interested in the field of discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, and linguistic ideology. The book was published by Continuum International Publishing Group in 2008. Authors of the book try to introduce discourse to undergraduates and entry-level graduates to critical discourse studies. The book examines language and power across a variety of institutional settings, showing how institutions are shaped by discourse and how they in turn have the capacity to create and impose discourses. It comprises 8 chapters which cover a range of issues in discourse including power, discourse and institutions, discourses of higher education, prison discourse, news discourse, and defense discourse.

Keywords

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