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Atlas of Languages of Intercultural Communication in the Pacific, Asia, and the Americas

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The Atlas of Languages of Intercultural Communication in the Pacific, Asia, and the Americas constitutes a major comprehensive contribution to knowledge in the field. Much of its content is based on recent research results in a large number of fields such as contact languages; lingue franche; active and passive bi- and multilingualism resorted to in communication situations; the origins, roles and functions of pidgin languages and various aspects of communication across linguistic boundaries in more than two-thirds of the world.

It represents a far-reaching expansion of our knowledge of the historical development and the present state of intercultural communication in this vast area. For instance, detailed information on some hitherto almost unknown hybrid languages which originated in past communication situations in Central Asian and China is presented in the Atlas to readers outside the specific areas for the first time. The diverse roles, functions and influence of the large colonial languages in the Pacific, parts of Asia, and the Americas are demonstrated in detail, as well as those of missionary and church languages in several areas.

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Pub : De Gruyter, Germany Year : 1996 Bib : 30cm 2 Vols in 3 Parts in Slip Case Cplt. LXXVIII, 1622 p. 151 maps.

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Medieval Tibeto-Burman Languages
Editor : Christopher I Beckwith
Series : Brill's Tibetan Studies Library 2-6

This book approaches Tibeto-Burman Comparative Historical linguistics according to the classical Indo-European Model. It includes articles on Old Zhangzhung, Early Classical Newari, Pyu, Old Burmese, Early Meithei, Tibeto-Burman, and Sino-Tibetan. Glossaries of several early Tibeto-Burman Languages are Included. It provides information, not found in any other source, on early Tibeto-Burman Literary languages And their position within Tibeto-Burman as well as their relationship to Chinese and other languages.

Pub : E.J. Brill, Leiden Year : 2001 Bib : 200pp HB ISBN : 9004124241 Price : US\$ 55.00

The Yearbook of South Asian Languages and Linguistics
2001 Tokyo Symposium on South Asian Languages Contact, Convergence and Typology

Editors : Peri Bhaskararao; Karumuri Venkata Subbarao
Series : The Yearbook of South Asian languages and Linguistics : 2001 Chief Editor : Rajendra Singh

Papers from the International Symposium on South Asian Languages : contact, Convergence and Typology, organised by the Institute for the Study of Languages and Culture of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Pub : Sage Publications, New Delhi Year : 2001 ISBN : 0761995609 ISSN : 0971-9539 Bib : 25cm HB 544pp Price : US\$ 40.00

ELEMENTARY VIETNAMESE
Author : Ngo, Binh Nhu.

A complete language programme developed by the author for self-study and college-level classroom use.

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Thai-Isan-Lao Phrasebook,
With MP3 Sound Tracks on CD - Rom
Author : Asger Mollerup

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Author : Khaled Ahmed

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