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Introduction

The main objective of this book has been to provide the university students of Linguistics with an authentic, comprehensive, and reliable source of information. The book is based on a number of great volumes ever published in the field of Discourse Analysis, Critical Discourse Analysis, Pragmatics, and Information Structure. Attempts have been made to render the whole volume as comprehensive and informative as possible. This book starts with the basic notions of descriptive discourse analysis including form and function. This is followed by pragmatics and pragmalinguistic issues including speech acts especially refusal speech acts, politeness, face, gender studies, and gender theories. Pragmatics is followed by information structure incorporating issues such as topic, focus, presupposition, new information, and old information. Information structure also covers 'Form-Function Theory' introduced by Tabriz-Moghadam. It also contains Focus and focus representations in Persian introduced by the author of this book. Systemic Functional Grammar (SFG) by Halliday is also dealt with afterwards. SFG includes the three metafunctions of experiential, interpersonal, and textual ones. At the end, critical discourse analysis (CDA) is briefly introduced and touched upon. The author enthusiastically tried to acquaint the students with the basic notions of discourse analysis.

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