



LANGUAGE CHANGE AND DIRECTIONALITY: A NOVEL MODEL FOR LANGUAGE CHANGE IN PERSIAN AND IRANIAN LANGUAGES FROM THE SOCIOLINGUISTIC PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, the specific changes in the Persian language and many other Iranian languages including Bakhtiari, have got a prominent role since these changes are considered to be tools to identify the thoughts and to have direct insight to the way of life of societies. Language change happens all the time. However, in this paper, the sudden language change after the arrival of a competitive language is considered and discussed. There are so many changes in Persian that it is really hard to recognize them the normal historical trend in the language development. In this study, the Model of Competition and Survival is proposed, which helps us to understand the phenomenon of language change from the sociolinguistic perspective and some arguments regarding the possible political and regional implications of these language changes are discussed. Furthermore, the directionality of language change is discussed as it was one of the well-known conundrums in the diachronic linguistics and the language soul as a powerful force behind the big language change is considered and discussed. Furthermore, Bakhtiari language and Kurdish are presented as evidence for the model.

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