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- 1- The language varieties that are used within the linguistic mix called “the White Dialect” are selected based on the positive connotations that speakers give them.
- 2- Some of the practical problems in a Saudi context concerning the making of recordings of conversations between strangers from different backgrounds can be circumvented by asking speakers to record messages to be published on a social media platform.
- 3- In present-day Saudi Arabia, the White Dialect - rather than Riyadh Arabic or Standard Arabic - is the linguistic strategy chosen for inter-group communication among the various Arabic speech communities within the country.
- 4- Even though the White Dialect described in the dissertation is used by the young generation of Qassimi Arabic speakers, a phenomenon like this has been present in the Arab speaking community since the development of diglossia.
- 5- To resolve the issue of unintelligibility amongst Saudi Arabic dialects, the White Dialect has the potential of acting as a linguistic strategy to be employed in the Saudi TV shows.
- 6- In the speech of young Arabic speakers in Saudi Arabia gender does not seem to be a major factor influencing urban linguistic change, in contrast to the situation in other Arabic-speaking countries, such as in Jordan, where gender is seen as a major social factor across all generations (Al-Wer, E., & Herin, B. (2011). *The Lifecycle of Qaf in Jordan*. *Langage et société*, 138(4), 59–76.)
- 7- In the context of Arabic sociolinguistics, Standard Arabic is not necessarily involved in all linguistic changes (Albirini, A. (2016). *Modern Arabic Sociolinguistics: Diglossia, variation, codeswitching, attitudes and identity*. New York, NY: Routledge).
- 8- Social media platforms are currently the ideal place for data collection for sociolinguists who are interested in the dynamic of linguistic contact among the various linguistic varieties in urban settings
- 9- In the sociolinguistic field, not all temporary linguistic changes are the beginning of permanent changes.
- 10- To help scholars to focus on quality rather than quantity in the current academic environment, they should be advised to limit their publications to two per year.