

DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES



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Educational Background:

PhD (Applied Linguistics), University of Vienna, Austria (June 2003)

Masters (Linguistics and Kiswahili studies), Kenyatta University, Kenya (August 1990)

Bachelors (Education (Arts), Kenyatta University, Kenya (May 1988)

Brief Auto-biography of the Faculty/Staff

Prof. Onyango started his teaching career in a secondary school in Kenya in 1988 (May). He taught for five months, and then joined Kenyatta University (Kenya) as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Kiswahili and African Languages in October of the same year. He completed his MA degree and graduated in August 1990. He was then appointed a Tutorial Fellow in the same Department. He joined Egerton University (Kenya) as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Literature, Languages and Linguistics. In 1992, he was appointed as a Lecturer in the same Department. In 1999-2003 he was at the University of Vienna (Austria) for doctorate studies. He got his PhD in June 2003. In 2006-2007 he was at the University of Vienna on Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. In 2007 he was appointed Senior Lecturer in the Department Literature, Languages and Linguistics of Laikipia University Campus of Egerton University. In 2011 he was appointed Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics in the Department of Literary and Communication Studies, Laikipia University. In 2019, he was appointed Professor of Applied Linguistics in the same Department. He has received the following scholarships: 1985 - 1988: Government of Kenya scholarship for Undergraduate studies. 1988 -1990: Kenyatta University Merit Scholarship for MA studies. 1999 -2003: Oesterreichischer Austauschdienst Scholarship for Ph.D. studies. 2006-2007: Oesterreichischer Austauschdienst Scholarship for Post-Doctoral Fellowship. In 2006 he won CODESRIA's Advanced Researchers' Fellowship. In 2019 he was awarded Laikipia University Research Grant. He has supervised more than 37 Masters Students: both Kenyans and International and 13 Ph.D. students and continues to do so. He has attended academic institutes and academic assemblies in Senegal (Gender Institute 2005), South Africa (University of Cape Town- Short Stories Across Africa, 2005), Malaysia (CODESRIA APISA CLACSO institute in 2007), Cameroon (CODESRIA's General Assembly in 2008). He has presented academic papers in many local and international conferences. He has been acting chair of department (9 months in 2005) and Dean of Students (Laikipia University, 2011-2014). Director of Laikipia University, Nakuru Campus (2015-2019). He is currently an External Examiner in 4 Kenyan Universities and one Ugandan university. He speaks Kiluhya (mother tongue), Kiswahili (very proficient), English (very proficient), German (four

years of learning and living in a German speaking country, Austria (with certificates). French (three years of learning with a certificate from Alliance Francaise) and Japanese (three years of learning with two certificates).

Selected Publications

1. (2020a) Maina, J, Kirigia, E.K. & Onyango J.O. Semantic and Pragmatic Interpretation of Figures of Speech in Trilingual Schizophrenics in Nakuru Level Five Hospital in Nakuru County, Kenya. *Asian Journal of Social Science and Management Technology*.
2. (2020b). Maithya, J.K., Nabea, W.& Onyango, J.O. Mbinu za Lugha Zinazotumiwa katika Matangazo ya Kampuni ya Safaricom. *Editon Consortium Journal of Kiswahili*.
3. (2019a). Mang'oka, A.S, Onyango, J. O & Bartoo, P. An Interrogation of the Types of Grammatical Cohesive Devices that are Prominent in the Writing of Hearing Impaired Learners. *Editon Consortium Journal of Literature and Linguistic Studies*.
4. (2019 b). Mang'oka, A.S, Onyango, J. O & Bartoo, P. The Use of Lexical Cohesion in the English Written Texts of Hearing Impaired High School Students. *Journal of Humanities and Social Science*.
5. (2019b). Maina, J. Kirigia, E and Onyango, J.O. Language and Neuropsychiatric Disorders: An Analysis of Communication among Trilingual Schizophrenics in Nakuru Level Five Hospital in Nakuru County, Kenya *Editon Consortium Journal of Literature and Linguistic Studies*.
6. (2019 c). Maina, J. Kirigia, E & Onyango, J.O.Perceptions of Communicative Behaviour of Schizophrenics by Relatives in Nakuru Level Five Hospital in Nakuru County, Kenya. *International Journal of English, Literature and Social Science*.
7. (2018a). Onyango, J.O. From Social history to Language Attitudes towards Use of Kiswahili in Kenya, *Coretrain Journal*.
8. (2018b). Nkumbo, D., Onyango, J.O. & Mayaka, J.G. Usawiri wa jinsia katika Lugha Mwiko nay a Tafside Miongoni mwa Jamii ya Ameru Kenya. *Coretrain Journal*.
9. (2018 c.) Khakasa, J.M., Wandera, S.P. & Onyango, J.O. Hegemonic Masculinity in Song Lyrics of Webuye Jua Kali Band. *Journal of Research Innovation and Implications in Education*.
10. (2018 d). Okere, B., Onyango, J.O. & Chai, F. Linguistic Challenges of Translating Song of Lawino From English to Kiswahili. *International Journal of Linguistics, Literature and Translation*.
11. (2017a.). Langat, A., Bartoo, P. & Onyango, J.O. On Gender and Apology Strategies: ESL Kabianga University Students". *Mara Research Journals*.
12. (2017b). Langat, A., Onyango, J.O. & Bartoo, P. A Study of Apology Strategies used by Kenyan ESL Kabianga University Students". *Mara Research Journals*.
13. (2017c) Onyango, J.O. The National language and the Question of Identity in Kenya". *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Laikipia Unuiversity*.
14. (2017d). Gitu, P., Onyango, J.O. & Goro, K.I. Discursive Construction of Masculinities in Gikuyu Proverbs. *Scholars Journal of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences*.
15. (2016 a). Onyango, J.O. Talking Peace in Kenyan Children's Literature: A Call for Paradigm Shift *Ngano, Journal of Eastern African Oral Literature*.
16. (2016 b). Onyango, J.O. Land Antecedent Discourses in Kenya's Ethnic Conflict. *Scholars Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*.
17. (2016c).Ndegwa, F.M., Khaemba, J.M., & Onyango, J.O. Examining Linguistic Interpretative Features of Football reporting in Kenyan Newspapers. *Scholars Journal of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences*.

18. (2016 d). Ndiritu, N.N., Onyango, J.O. & Ndambuki, J.M. The Internally Displaced Persons' Identity Crisis in Kenya. *Scholars Journal of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences*.
19. (2016e). Ndiritu, N.N., Ndambuki, J.M., & Onyango, J.O. Promoting Post Conflict Peaceful Coexistence in Multiethnic Communities: Lessons from Internally Displaced Persons in Kenya. *Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies*.
20. (2016f). Chege, A.N., Onyango, J.O. & Mayaka, J.G. Gender Portrayal in sexual Euphemisms used in Programme Connect of K 24 Television in Kenya. *Scholars Journal of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences*.
21. (2015a). Onyango, J.O. Masculine Discourse and Sexuality in Kenya. *Journal of Humanities and Social Science, Laikipia University*.
22. (2016b). Onyango, J.O. & Yassini, M.S. The Portrayal of Masculinities in A Kiswahili Novel: The Case of Mohammed Suleiman Mohamed's *Nyota ya Rehema*. *Islamic University in Uganda Journal*.
23. (2015c). King'oina, V.B., & Onyango, J.O. Gender Differentiation: The Woman's Place in the Kenyan Print Media Coverage of Moscow 2013 IAAF Championship" in *Scholars Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*.
24. (2015 d). King'oina, V.B., & Onyango, J.O. Cultivating Male Hegemony: Analysis of Print Media Coverage of Moscow 2013 IAAF Championship. *Scholars Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*.
25. (2015e). Onyango, J.O. Discursive Masculinities and Beer Commercials in Kenya. In P. Anreiter, C. Posch and Elisabeth Mairhofer (eds.) *Argumenta*.
26. (2015f). Yassini, M, S., Beja, S.K., Chai, F. & Onyango, J.O. Nyayo za Mwalimu Nyerere. *International Journal of Literacy Development*.
27. (2015g). Ndonye, M.M., Yieke, F.A & Onyango, J.O. Ethnicity as Discursive Construct in Kenyan Televised Comedy: Humorous Harm? *The Journal of Pan African Studies*.
28. (2015h). Ndonye, M.M., Onyango, J.O. & Yieke, F.A. Mediatized Governance: Analysis of 2013 Presidential Debate in Kenya". *Scholars Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*.
29. (2015i.) Onyango, J.O. The Indigenous and "Foreigners" Discourse in Kenya's Ethnic Conflict" in Verena Krausneker and Marie-Luise Volgger (eds.) *Mein Sprachen, Meine Forschung und Ich: SprachwissenschaftlerInnen Reflektieren Ueber Ihre Arbeit: Festschrift fuer Rudolf de Cillia*.
30. (2015 j). Khaemba, J.M., Yieke, F.A. & Onyango, J.O. Endorsing Hegemonic Masculinities Among the Bukusu through *Khuvita* Ritual. *Scholars Journal of Arts and Humanities*.
31. (2015 k) Wanjau, R., Wamutitu, J.M & Onyango, J.O. Effects of Mastery Learning Approach in Secondary Schools Student Achievement in Kiswahili, Kenya. *Journal of Faculty of Education, Egerton University*.
32. (2014a). Meitamei, A.S., Chai, F. & Onyango, J.O. Phonological Processes Across Maasai Dialects. *International Journal of Science and Research*.
33. (2014b). Maina, K.W., Chai, J.F., & Onyango, J.O. Between Rocks and Hard Places: Gender, Power and Ideologies that Bind Kikuyu Marriages in Kenya, in V.N. Ubanako and J. Anderson (eds.) *Crossing Linguistic Borders in Post Colonial Anglophone Africa*.
34. (2014 c). Ayodi, N.K., Beja, S.K. & Onyango, J.O. "Tashtiti na Wanatashtiti: Maana, Umuhimu na Vipengele vyake katika Fasihi" in Mulokozi, M.M. (mh.) *Mulika*.
35. (2013a). Onyango, J.O. and Kuta, P.O. Ethnic Conflict and Ethnic Discourse in Kenya: A Discourse –Historical Approach Perspective. *Ruwaza Afrika Journal*.
36. (2013 b). Yassini, M, S., Chai, F. & Onyango, J.O. Uchanganuzi wa Hotuba za Mwalimu Nyerere Kama Kielelezo cha Kuendeleza Lugha ya Kiswahili". *Islamic University In Uganda Journal* .

37. (2011). Onyango, J.O. Imagery as a Pervasive Feature of Style: The Case of Ebrahim Hussein's *Mashetani* (1971)". In J.K.S. Makokha, E. Kabaji and D. Dipio (eds.) *East African Literature: Essays on Written and Oral Traditions*.
38. (2010a) Onyango, J.O. Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Democratic Practice in Kenya In B. Howe, V.Popovski and M. Notoras (eds.) *Democracy in the South: Participation, State and the People*.
39. (2010b): Onyango, J.O.& Chai, J.F. A Discourse-Historical Approach Analysis of Hate Speech in 2007 Elections' Campaigns in Kenya. *Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) Journal*.
40. (2010c) Onyango, J.O. Politics of Language in the Parliament of Kenya: A Discourse-Historical Approach Perspective." In R. de Cillia, H.Gruber, M.Krzyanowski and F.Menz eds) *Discourse, Politics and Identity*.
41. (2010d). Onyango, J.O. The National Language Policy Implementation and Experience: The Case of Kiswahili in the Parliament of Kenya. (In D.O. Orwenjo and J.O.Ogone eds.) *Language and Politics in Africa: Contemporary Issues and Critical Perspectives*.
42. (2009). Onyango, J.O. & Odebero, S.O. Data Analysis for Education and Social Science Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches. *Journal of Educational Planning and Management of Kenya*.
43. (2008a) Onyango, J.O. Masculine Discursive Construction of *Rape* in the Kenyan Press, by CODESRIA. In E,Uchendu (ed.) *Masculinities in Contemporary Africa*.
44. (2008b). Onyango, J.O. The Presidency as a National Language Academy: The Case of Kiswahili in Kenya." in *Egerton Journal of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education*.
45. (2008c). Mwangi, D., Ndirangu, N. & Onyango, J.O. Psychometric Quality of Continuous Assessment Tests and their Suitability to Contribute to the Final Examination. *Egerton University Journal Humanities, Social Sciences and Education*.
46. (2007a). Onyango, J.O., Ogola, F. & Odebero, S.O. Multilingual Literacy in Kenya: Past Problems, Present Challenges and Future Prospects." S.O. In *Journal of Faculty of Education*.
47. (2007b). Onyango, J.O. Masculinities Question in Kiswahili Children's Literature in Kenya." In Beck, R, Diegner, L., Vierke, C., Geider, T. and Reuster-Jahn, U. *Swahili Forum*.
48. (2006a). Onyango, J.O. The Dark Shadow of Masculinities in Women's Emancipation Agenda. In Olukoshi, A and Nyamnjoh, F. (eds). *CODESRIA BULLETIN*.
49. (2005). Onyango, J.O. Issues in National Language Terminology Development in Kenya. In Beck, R, Diegner, L., Dittmer, C., Geider, T. and Reuster-Jahn, U. *Swahili Forum*.

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50. (2012). *Discursive Masculinities and the War Against HIV/AIDS: The Kenyan Experience*. Egerton: Egerton University Book Series Number 3.

Research Interest

Discourse Historical Approach, Argumentation in discourse, Language and politics, health communication and language and gender.