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Joshua A. Fishman's Contributions to International Sociolinguistics

Ofelia Garcia (*Columbia University*); Rakhmiel Peltz (*Drexel University*); Harold Schiffman (*University of Pennsylvania*)

Key Features

- A useful guide to Fishman's work
- A fitting homage to the importance of Joshua Fishman

Description

This short volume provides a comprehensive and synoptic view of Joshua A. Fishman's contributions to international sociolinguistics. The two integrative essays provide readers with the essential understandings of Fishmanian sociolinguistics and his contributions to Yiddish scholarship. An up-to-date comprehensive bibliography prepared by Gella Schweid Fishman, as well as Fishman's own concluding sentiments, complement the integrative essays.

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Joshua A. Fishman's Bibliographical Inventory

Compiled by Gella Schweid Fishman

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