

THE WEBS OF SIGNIFICANCE



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LECTURES IN LANGUAGE, CULTURE & HISTORY (2004-2011) BY

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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION:

I am a graduate of the Philology Faculty of the Moscow State University (former USSR). My teaching experience spans many academic areas and several continents; having taught a variety of philology and linguistics courses in my native Latvia, in Russia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria (West Africa), I was fortunate to land in “linguists’ heaven” – Papua New Guinea.

Here in Port Moresby, my intense interest in Human Language and its role in human cognitive development and in society generally grew and matured in the fertile soil of linguistic and cultural diversity of Papua New Guinea. Since March 2000, I have taught numerous linguistics courses at the UPNG, among them

- Introduction to Linguistics
- Language, Power & Development
- Language, Culture & History
- Linguistic Analysis
- Applied Linguistics
- Introduction to Sociolinguistics
- Readings in Linguistics
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- Survey of Linguistic Theories
- Comparative Linguistics
- Semantics & Pragmatics

I have also taught communication courses, such as Business Communication A & B and Executive Communication.

These lectures in the Language, Culture, and History course sift through the intricate Webs of Significance that define human life, outlining their origins and evolution, and focusing on the complex interrelationships between human minds, the physical world, and the society.

Their dialectic, wide-angle view of human ‘webs of meaning’ helps to untangle the kaleidoscope of linguistic and cultural diversity of Papua New Guinea, putting things in perspective, tracing the past, and looking into the future.

This course has been very popular amongst students of the University of Papua New Guinea since 2004.

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