FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

2nd SEMESTER 2019

ASSIGNMENT 2

LANGUAGE POLICY AND PLANNING
(LPP821S)
Dear students

The assignment question was simple and straightforward:
**Drawing examples from Namibia and any other African country, discuss the four major ideologies underpinning the development of language policies. Support your arguments with relevant examples.**

You were supposed to discuss the ideologies: linguistic assimilation, pluralism, internationalisation and vernacularisation. Most of you got it right. However, it is a major concern to realise that most of you just regurgitate what is provided in the study guide, with even applying your own knowledge and understanding. Learning is much more than reproducing what is given to you, you need to demonstrate that you understood the topic by going beyond mere reproducing, you do not get good marks by simply reproducing the study guide material. A few of you lost it completely. Again, some of you do not read their tutorial letters which guide you on how to tackle the question, the chapter to focus on for you to be able to answer the question. Otherwise, well done for those who did well, and especially those who attended vacation school.

I am hoping that you are ready for the examination. The exam is mainly application of knowledge, the concepts learnt in the course, to the real scenario context. We discussed at length, issues related to language policy, during the vacation school, that was very informative and I expect such kind of discussions in the exam. The examples we discussed in class, revisit your notes, they will be very important, as well as the case studies in your study guide. In other words, you need to do extensive reading, do not just rely on your study guide, go the extra mile to find new material. Here is the focus of the exam: Chapter 1, 3 & 4. Like I said earlier, it will be mainly application of concepts to scenarios.

All the best

It was good working with you.

Dr. Mapudzi