

Professor Abioye Seeks Further Research in Discourse, Stylistics and the New Media

A former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Taiwo Abioye, has called for further research in the fields of Discourse, Stylistics and the New Media as there are still fresh grounds requiring innovative explorations in the respective fields (<http://bit.ly/12-inaugural>).

According to her, Discourse, Stylistics and the New Media have been given an appreciable level of scholarly attention from interdisciplinary perspectives, it is, however, instructive to suggest for subsequent studies in some areas believed to have lacked sufficient research devotion.

She made the call on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at the 12th Inaugural Lecture of Covenant University, where she delivered the lecture with the topic, 'By Words They Were Created: The Synergy Between Language, Discourse and the Media in the Construction of Realities'.



Covenant University's 12th Inaugural Lecturer, Professor Taiwo Olubunmi Abioye, delivering her lecture on the Topic "By Words They Were Created: The Synergy Between Language Discourse and the Media in the Construction of Realities".

According to the professor of Discourse Stylistics and Applied Linguistics, the communicative devices and, especially, stylistic devices are intentional and in particular, word choice defines respective styles of expression and such choice of words is pivotal in the definition, construction and expression of realities.

Professor Abioye argued that, incontrovertibly, the influx of social platforms has become diverse and the new media have firmer grip and influence on language than they ever did, with Scholars refusing to rest on their oars in investigating the state of language evolution in the face of a vibrant media world.

Professor Abioye recommended, amongst others, the establishment of a Language Development Centre at Covenant University, where different aspects of language studies are pursued.

Giving his remarks after the lecture, the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, thanked the inaugural lecturer for treating the audience to a rich lecture. He said the place of knowledge in present day Nigeria cannot be overemphasised as the country was fast becoming interconnected.

While congratulating Professor Abioye for a vast and extensive lecture to help the nation understand the place of communication, the Chancellor said the academia has a lot of work to do, just as he urged the government to start responding to vital issues like education.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his opening remarks, said the import of the inaugural lecture, 12th in the University's series, became glaring because of the theme, which is about the power of words. According to him, that African people believe words to have inherent power for self-realisation was evident from the many adages across different languages on the continent.

Other prominent personalities at the event, which attracted a large turnout of audience, were the Vice-President, Education, Living Faith Church Worldwide, Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom

Chinedu; Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo; other members of Management and Principal Officers of the University; the University Senate; distinguished guests, faculty, staff and students.

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