

CURRICULUM VITAE



DR. LYDIA WANGU WAMUTI

1.0 PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2.0 EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

YEAR	INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATION
2017 – 2021	Kenyatta University	Doctor of Philosophy (Applied Linguistics). Department of Literature, Linguistics & Foreign Languages. Title of thesis: <i>Teaching of Japanese as a Foreign Language in Tertiary Institutions in Kenya: Opportunities and Challenges.</i>
2013 – 2016	Kenyatta University	Master of Education (Language Education). Department of Educational Communication & Technology. Title of thesis: <i>Socio-cultural influences on interpretation of instructional materials for Japanese as a foreign language: A case of Kenya Utalii College, Nairobi.</i>
2008 – 2012	Kenyatta University	Bachelor of Education (Arts). Upper Second Class Honours.
1987-1988	Nyeri Technical Training Institute	CPA 1, Section I & II
1983-1986	Nyeri Technical High. School	KCE, (O level) Division II
1974-1982	Ndathi Primary School	CPE 35 points

2.0 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

YEAR	INSTITUTION	CERTIFICATION
July/August 2015	Japanese Language	Attendance Certificate – Subjects included Japanese

	Institute, Urawa 日本語国際 センタ Japan	Language Teaching Methods, Japanese Language Grammar, Japanese Language Culture and Instruction course on Computer
2009 – 2011	Japan Culture and Information Centre-Nairobi	Japanese Language Proficiency Level N3
July/August 2007	Japanese Language Institute, 日本語国際 センタ Urawa, Japan	Attendance Certificate - Subjects included Japanese Language Teaching Methods, Japanese Language Grammar, Japanese Language Culture and Instruction course on Computer
1999 – 2000	Tottori City, International Exchange Plaza (鳥取市国際交流プラザ) Japan	Japanese Language Proficiency Level 3
1997 – 1999	Tottori City, International Exchange Plaza (鳥取市国際交流プラザ) Japan	Japanese Language Proficiency Level 4

3.0 WORKING EXPERIENCE

Feb., 2022 to date	Lecturer, Department of Literature, Linguistics & Foreign Languages
2017 – Feb., 2022	Tutorial Fellow, Department of Foreign Languages, Kenyatta University
2010 – 2017	Teaching Assistant, Foreign Languages Department, Kenyatta University
2009-2016	Worked as a part-time lecturer at the Kenya Utalii College, United States International University, and Kenya Wildlife

	Services Training Institute. Taught Japanese Language in these institutions.
2004 – 2010	Part time Japanese Language Lecturer, Foreign Languages, Department, Kenyatta University
1997-2002	In Japan, engaged in various activities, which included studying Japanese language and culture, teaching English in various institutions. I also interacted with the Japanese in social activities.
1993-1997	Worked as a Senior Personnel Clerk at Kenya Tea Development authority (K.T.D.A). Duties included handling disciplinary cases, handling of recruitment and training issues, processing of staff leave and allowances, among others.
1992- 1993	Worked as an Accounts Clerk with K.T.D.A
1990-1991	Worked as an Accounts Clerk with the Catholic Archdiocese of Nyeri. Performed secretarial duties as well, including operating the communication switchboard.

Areas of specialization: Teaching of Japanese as a Foreign Language, Applied linguistics.

Research interest: Language Education, Resources for language teaching , Sociolinguistics

4.0 PUBLICATIONS

4.1 REFEREED JOURNALS

1. Wamuti, L. W., Bwire, A. M. and Ndethiu, S. (2016), “Influence of culture in the interpretation of Japanese language instructional materials”, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 10 (2), pp. 37-51.
2. Wamuti, L. W., Bwire, A. M. and Were, V. (2021), “The Perception of Japanese among teachers and learners in Kenya: A case of tertiary institutions”, *Journal for Language Teaching*, Vol. 55 (2), pp.67 – 89.
3. Wamuti, L. W., Bwire, A. M. and Were, V. (2022), “Status of the teaching and learning of Japanese language in tertiary institutions in Kenya”, *European Journal of Foreign Language Teaching* Vol. 6 (1), pp.21– 40

4.2 CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. Wamuti, L. “Mother Language and Education". International Mother Language Day (IMLD) Conference on Hallowing Mother Language & Cultural Diversity in Africa. (February, 2019).
2. Wamuti, L. “Socio-Cultural Influences on Interpretation of Instructional Materials for Japanese as a Foreign Language". 5th International Conference on Japanese Language Education in East Africa. Antananarivo, Madagascar (September, 2017).
3. Wamuti, L. W., Bwire, A. M. and Ndethiu, S., “Influence of culture in the interpretation of Japanese language instructional materials”, International Conference on Foreign Languages and Literature, Kenyatta University (March, 2015).
4. Wamuti, L. W. “Teaching Japanese to Tourism Students” (未出版) 中東日 本語教育セミナー、カイロ。 (in Japanese), International Seminar on Teaching Japanese Language, Cairo, Egypt (August, 2013).

5.0 WORKSHOP AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

1. Writing for Research Publication Workshop. Held at Kenyatta University. (July, 2017)
2. Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference. Held at Kenyatta International Convention Center – KICC. (December, 2015).

REFEREES

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