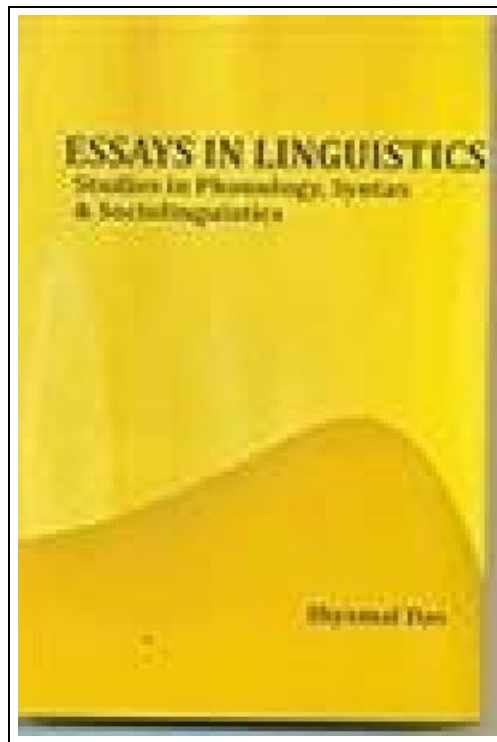# Essays in Linguistics: Studies in Phonology, Syntax & Sociolinguistics

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