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AUB Press Announces New Release on the Theory of the Arabic Language in Grammar and Dictionary

The American University of Beirut (AUB) Press announced a new release in the *Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Series*, under the Arabic and Islamic Texts and Studies subsection: *Muqawwimāt al-Naẓariyya al-Lughawiyya al-‘Arabiyya*. This work is an in-depth study by Dr. Ramzi Baalbaki on the theory of the Arabic language in grammar and dictionary. This new release allows readers to learn about the general linguistic theory governing Arabic grammar and lexicon in the early stages of writing, starting from the second century until the fifth century AH.

This book highlights the strength of Arabic linguistic theory in meeting its two key conditions: comprehensiveness and coherence. It examines how Arab grammarians have carefully considered the mental and contextual factors involved in communication between speaker and listener. The book also analyzes the theory's ability to address formulas and combinations, whether commonly used or newly created, even if they fall outside typical usage.

Baalbaki explores how the linguistic code developed as linguists worked to study language following the expansion of vocabulary and the introduction of unfamiliar words. Their efforts focused on collecting, describing, analyzing, and standardizing linguistic phenomena. The book introduces five key grammatical concepts: action, analogy, estimation, reasoning, and origin. The author goes beyond mere description, demonstrating the coherence of these concepts and proving the theory's ability to encompass and connect Arabic grammar rules. The analysis begins by exploring the relationship between pronunciation and meaning, drawing on the work of Sibawayh, the pioneer who first established grammatical theory in a structured, written form.

The book stands out for exploring linguistic phenomena beyond surface analysis, highlighting the unique flexibility of the Arabic language and its ability to convey the thoughts of speakers. This is all framed within structured principles derived from Arabic linguistic theory. The final chapter focuses on the semantic aspects of both grammar and

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lexicography. Baalbaki also examines anomalies in the Arabic language and how they are regulated within linguistic theory. He further explores the classification and organization of linguistic material across phonetic, morphological, and syntactic levels.

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