

Language policy and practices in the Global North and South: Challenges, opportunities and future directions

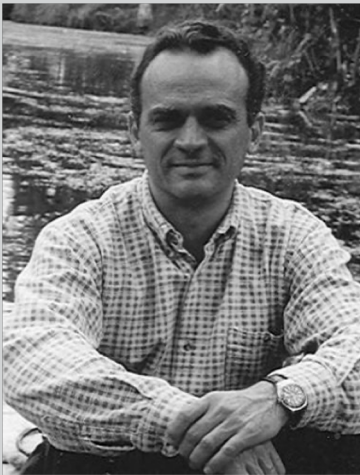
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To speak or not to speak Issues of language revitalization in Mexico

Abstract: This talk will offer a brief yet comprehensive critical account of outstanding experiences in the field of language revitalization in Mexico. Furthermore, it will highlight existing theoretical and methodological debates regarding definitions of the concepts considered for the revitalization endeavour, such as revitalization itself. Together with presenting the proactive and non extractive, democratic and decolonial premises on which the development of the Revitalization, Maintenance and Development Project (RMDP) developed in Mexico is based, the RMDP will be compared with a series of other micro-, meso- and macro- revitalizing projects in Mexico. It is hoped that such a comparative perspective will contribute to the advancement of the development of proposals for the defense of linguistic diversity, especially regarding minoritized languages, as well as to the much needed ideological clarification (Kroskrity, 2017) of the language revitalization field per se.



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