

Reimagining English language learners from a translingual perspective

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In this workshop we explore the concept of translingualism, considering what it might mean for our learners, their future, and our classroom practices as teachers. Research conducted with over 100 students from a UK-based 'EFL' course provider indicates that the majority of learners perceive that they will need to use English translingually in their future careers and/or private lives. We discuss how we can help them to prepare for such a world in which boundaries between languages, identities and communities are all likely to become more fluid and code choice practices more flexible.

Resources

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