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Topic: Social Justice and Globalization: Perspectives for Major World Languages' Studies

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Abstract

Social Justice and Globalization: Perspectives for Major World Languages' Studies

In this presentation I will discuss two major concepts: Social justice and globalization. Using existential sociolinguistics theoretical framework and philosophical reflection methods, I will discuss how these concepts should influence major world languages' studies (MWLS) such as English, Romance languages, and Chinese language studies in the context of the discourse of decolonizing mindset, intercultural justice, and existential literacy mentorship. The Question that this presentation attempts to answer is: How should social justice and globalization notions influence MWLS in the age of global justice and global market discourse? In response, while social justice proposes human values in navigating traditional and modern issues in (MWLS) studies, globalization proposes cultural and linguistic marketization and cultural and linguistic interdependence or hybridity as imperatives that no serious policy or program can reject to adjust.