

Special Issue for TESL-EJ for November 2022

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Theme of the Special Issue

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Language Education: Perspectives from Research and Practice in Global Englishes and Translanguaging

Recent years have seen growing attention to the need for promoting diversity and inclusion in language education. A recent special issue of *ELT Journal*, for example, was devoted to the exploration of the importance of creating educational environments that are inclusive of different identities that relate to gender and sexuality (Banegas & Evripidou, 2021). Around the same time, a special issue of the Forum of another leading journal of the field, *TESOL Quarterly*, focused on the notion of *ableism*. In the words of the guest editor Subtirelu (2021, p. 670), the issue was "intended to explore how concepts of what 'normal' abilities are or should be make English language teaching inaccessible, ineffective, or oppressive for many students."

In this special issue of *TESL-EJ*, we want to encourage research and scholarly conversations that advance the agenda of diversity and inclusion in language education through approaches based on Global Englishes and translanguaging. We are particularly keen on receiving contributions which engage with the task of digging deeper into specific instances to show how language learning and teaching based on the spirit of Global Englishes and translanguaging:

- 1. acknowledge the inherent strengths and talents of all students;
- 2. promote student engagement, agency and voice;
- 3. contribute to the acceptance and celebration of different language backgrounds, cultures, beliefs and values of students:
- 4. suggest a change of the teacher role in the classroom; and
- 5. encourage a rethink about issues of materials design, language assessment, curriculum development, teacher education and language policy.

We welcome perspectives on:

- 1. Global Englishes and Global Englishes Language Teaching (GELT);
- 2. Translanguaging in language education;
- 3. Translanguaging in content-based education;
- 4. Translanguaging and language policy;
- 5. Translanguaging and intersectionality;
- 6. Translanguaging and social justice; and
- 7. The role of language teachers, teacher educators, material developers and language assessment specialists.

Time Schedule of the Special Issue

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Review process

Revised papers: before 15 July 2022

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