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**Language Ideological Perspectives on English beyond Methodological Nationalism and What it Means for Language Teaching**

**November 25th, 14:00, room 243.**

In this talk, I want to address sociolinguistic conceptualisations of English and show their limitations if we study English from the perspective of language ideology research. Arguing that we cannot limit ourselves to regarding languages as tied to national spatial categories – which is apparent in the global uses of English where, more often than not, language, space, culture and linguistic practices are not congruent – I first critically analyse language ideologies of some sociolinguistic frameworks and then give empirical evidence that do not agree with these and show the plural nature of English from different places in the world. Finally, I give some inspiration to what such observations may mean for the development of language teaching curricula that fit a socially informed and culturally integrated study of language in a globalised world.

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