

OMAA Conference 2024

‘The Multilingual Archive of Australia’ - Student Project

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LANGUAGE LINGO

Season 1 Episode 8:
The Multilingual Multiverse

Language Lingo: The Multilingual Multiverse

1. Podcast dedicated to discussions of **linguistics, languages, global cultures and interconnectedness**
2. Primary audience: Australian **high-school students** (Years 7-9, **formative years of language learning**)
3. Goal: to encourage the **continued study of languages, exploration of multiculturalism in a techno-global world, discussion of cultural experience and hardship**

Key features

1. **Podcast format** → catering to shorter attention spans, audio-learning option as a preferred method of study
2. **For the youth, by the youth** → integration of relatable “fun facts” or pop-culture references to engage and entertain
3. **Theory? Simple. Hotel? Trivago** → simplified explanations of theory surrounding cultural hybridity and linguistic fusion

Key features

- Use of personal anecdotes surrounding cultural/ethnic confusion to provide **reassurance and a space for youth minorities in similar circumstances**
- Recognition of **English-centered academic environment**
→ difficulty for those who wish to connect with and/or discover more about their cultures
- **Identity**: as language-learners, as people of culture
- Cultural exchange: **conflict and connection**

Linguistic Theory: Bhabha and Bhatt

Homi Bhabha: linguistic, liminal ‘third space’

- An “ambivalent space of cultural identity” that may “help us to overcome the exoticism of cultural diversity” (Mambrol)
- Fusion cultures and linguistic hybridity
- Histories of colonisation and imperialism

Rakesh Bhatt: the intricacy of code

- Discussions of code-mixing and code-switching
- Experience of immigrants and migrants in an English-dominant society

The Multilingual Archives

- Introduced as a **learning tool** → the aim is to present it as a useful "website" specifically for school, additionally for personal interest
 - Simplified within project to avoid intimidation regarding the amount of information available
- Credible, trustworthy sources, reliable information, variety of different languages available (students whose first languages may not be English)
 - Other fields: history, politics

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