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Braj Kachru and the identity of Asian Englishes: English as an Asian Language

Abstract:

In the late 1990s, the Macquarie library under the leadership of Susan Butler published a trio of book-length studies with the provocative title 'English is an Asian language', with individual volumes dealing with the Philippine context (1997), the Thai context (1999) and the Malaysian context (2000). Butler's perspective on Asian Englishes was influenced by the work of Professor Braj B. Kachru from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who is regarded as the pioneer scholar in the field of world Englishes. This talk examines the sociolinguistic significance of the adoption of English into the linguistic repertoire of Asian societies, where new Englishes serve multiple sociolinguistic functions. Of particular relevance here is the existence of so-called 'Outer Circle' English-using societies such as India, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines, which are former colonies of Anglophone societies. In these contexts, English enjoys co-official status with local languages in such domains as government, law, and education, and is widely used as an intranational language for a range of different purposes. In addition, recent waves of globalization have also served to increase the use of English in such 'Expanding Circle' contexts as China, Japan and South Korea, where previously English was studied as a foreign language.

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