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Francophone Sociolinguistics: A Sociolinguistics of Resistance?



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Lecture Summary

This lecture will feature Samuel Vernet, a sociolinguist at the University of Marseille and president of the Francophone Sociolinguistics Network (RFS), as the speaker. He will provide an overview of the characteristics, history, and recent trends of sociolinguistics in the Francophone world. In particular, he will re-examine its academic foundation and social role, using the increasing criticism of it being "political and ideological" in recent years as a starting point. Building on its development in the 1960s and 70s, which focused on the symbolic and political aspects of language, he will discuss the significance of positioning Francophone sociolinguistics as a "sociolinguistics of resistance." The lecture will also be moderated and commented on by Kosuke Hinai (Fukuoka University), who specializes in French youth slang and sociolinguistics.

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