

Multilingual language policy in Catalan universities: the impact of English on local languages

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Abstract:

Many universities worldwide are undergoing "Englishization" to enhance their internationalization and prestige. In this talk, Dr. Enric Llurda will explore the challenges faced by these institutions, drawing on his research in Catalonia (Spain). He will examine the complex linguistic equilibrium in the region, focusing on the role of English relative to Spanish and the regional official language, Catalan. The presentation will analyze how English is penetrating higher education, how Catalan resists (or fails to) the double pressure of English and Spanish in academic spaces, and how this situation is dealt with by different stakeholders and policy-makers. Overall, the talk will discuss challenges faced by Catalan universities that may closely resonate with the Japanese context.