

Special Issue

Language Policy and Planning Issues in Promoting Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

Message from the Guest Editor

The preservation and promotion of cultural diversity as a common heritage of humanity has been one of the prominent developmental goals in postmodern societies. According to the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, “culture is at the heart of contemporary debates about identity, social cohesion, and the development of a knowledge-based economy”, and “respect for the diversity of cultures, tolerance, dialogue and cooperation, in a climate of mutual trust and understanding, are among the best guarantees of international peace and security”. Similarly, issues of language choice and behavior have a leverage on the social, economic, and political stability of multicultural societies. The objective of this Special Issue is to explore the role and effect of language policy and planning in the preservation and promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity in the society. This serves as a response to the call “from policy makers, educationalists and language policy makers to promote diversity, address the issues of racism, and develop, through policy initiatives, positive cross-cultural attitudes in the wider society”.

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