

Veranstalter:	PD Dr. Lukas Pietsch
Thema:	Asian Englishes [AA-V2a/b, ENG-11, AA-M1, AA-M3, AA-M8, ENGAGE-M1, AA-W]
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Course description:

Among the regions of the world where the use of English has been spreading during the last decades, countries of southern and south-eastern Asia stand out displaying particularly dynamic forms of linguistic and social developments. Not only in India and neighbouring south Asian countries (e.g. Sri Lanka, Pakistan), but also further east (the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia), English is widely used as a second language and inter-ethnic lingua franca. In Singapore, a population composed of dozens of ethnic and native linguistic backgrounds has shifted to the use of English as a dominant language of the home within a few decades. In all these cases, interesting questions about the role and the structure of local Englishes can be asked: to what extent do Asian speech communities develop their own, “nativized” varieties? What structural influence do local contact languages play in shaping them? How are these new emergent varieties evaluated vis-a-vis the traditional metropolitan standard varieties of Britain and American by the societies that speak them? What effect will the new varieties have on the linguistic “ecology” of English world-wide?

In this class, we will look at the way English is used, and the types of English that are used, in various Asian societies, exploring these emergent varieties through various authentic linguistic channels: literature, news, political discourse, but also informal internet communication, TV and similar media.

Participation requirements:

- reduced credits (4 pts): reading assignments, work on analysis tasks in project groups
- full credits (8 pts): the above, plus term paper.

Suggested reading:

Ansaldo, Umberto. 2010. *Contact Languages: Ecology and Evolution in Asia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Bolton, Kingsley & Braj Kachru. 2008. *Asian Englishes*. London: Routledge.
Schneider, Edgar W. 2007. *Postcolonial English: Varieties Around the world*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Mo 14-15 Uhr, Phil 1157
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	nach Vereinbarung, Phil 1157