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Guest Lecture

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ELF in relation to World Englishes

English as a Lingua Franca (ELF) is the principal use of English today, with more speakers than native Englishes put together. It is a complex form of language contact, by its nature more complex than other, more familiar contact languages. We can approach it as 'second-order language contact'. At the same time, we can see it as one of the 'Englishes' that we are now used to talking about in English Studies. ELF, like many World Englishes, embodies second language use, which is distinct from second language acquisition. ELF speakers use

their language for real-life purposes, as do speakers of World Englishes. We can therefore reasonably expect ELF to have affinities with World Englishes, and there are some indications that in certain linguistic respects ELF is closer to WE than to learner English. In this lecture, I suggest ELF is a major driver of change in the global landscape of language; I shall view it from a macro-social, a micro-social, and a cognitive perspective, and note where it can be likened to or differentiated from other L2 use and where it has divergences from or affinities to L2 learning.

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