Translanguaging for Hong Kong? Policy, practice and education

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Abstract

The idea of Translanguaging has emerged as a key theory of human communication, a pedagogical approach and an analytical perspective in the last twenty years. In essence, it challenges the monolingual, colonial and raciolinguistic framing of language and education and promotes dynamic and flexible plurilingual policy and practice. Does this idea fit Hong Kong's present and future social and educational agenda? Is Hong Kong already a translanguaging space? Should translanguaging be the norm for the educational system in Hong Kong? This talk will invite the audience to think together with the speaker and explore these and other related questions, with a specific focus on the current policy frameworks and practices in Hong Kong schools and strategic directions for the future.

About the Speaker

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