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The Paulo Freire Lecture on Education and Social Transformation

Social Justice in Applied Linguistics: Critical Perspectives on Language Teaching, Research, and Civic Engagement

This presentation calls for language scholars and practitioners to prioritize civic engagement, public understanding, and promotion of sound research-based language policies to advance the ultimate goals of advocacy, change, and social justice. Session participants will discuss, for example, how 1) language is more than a system of signs and symbols; and how 2) accents are co-constructed by speakers and hearers in interaction, going further than mere perceptions of sound to include interpretations and ideologies about makers of the sounds. The presentation shows how academically and politically-informed language professionals can shape education and policymaking. It also addresses the key role social media can play in combating linguistic misinformation and intolerance.



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