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### ***“Infusing a World Englishes Paradigm into English Language Education”***

Spreading at the present rate, English will further increase its importance as the global lingua franca in this century. At the same time, the rapid and extensive localization and nativization will accelerate the ramification of English into varieties in the ESL (English as a Second Language) regions. Our challenge then will be how to maintain common standards and mutual intelligibility among those varieties of English. The users of EFL (English as a Foreign Language) who are relatively free from the localization of English might be able to contribute to create, maintain, and develop the globalized standards of Englishes. Such Englishes would be characterized as simple, plain, and regular in their linguistic forms and socioculturally neutral in their interactional strategies. They would accommodate any variety of English as far as it is comprehensible to the educated users of any variety, native or not.

隨著英文的廣泛使用，越來越突顯它在全球的重要性。同時，也因為迅速擴展的地域化及母語化加速形成了在以英文為第二外語之地域的英文變體。我們可能首要面臨的課題是如何在那些英文變體上保持固有的英文架構及相互間的理解性。而至於那些不受地域影響並以英文為外語之學習者們有可能扮演著創造、維持及發展全球英文變體規範的幕後推手。其次，這些英文變體會被簡化、明瞭及有規則性地呈現在語言型式上並被視為是社會與文化互相影響下的總合。因此，一旦那些受過教育的母語或其他語言使用者了解這些型態，他們也就能夠理解任何他們所接觸的英文變體。