This virtual Round Table discussion engages bilingual education scholars across six countries (i.e., Brazil, China, Colombia, México, Spain, and the United States of America) in an initial dialogue on current innovations-advancements and challenges-opportunities relevant to policy, curriculum and pedagogy in the field of bilingual education. It is our hope that through this engagement, we establish and sustain a critical comparative dialogue aimed at advancing the field internationally. Bilingual education researchers, teacher educators, PK–12 teachers, and all those interested in national and international perspectives on bilingual education are welcome to attend. An American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter will be provided.
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