"Bilingual Education Around the World: Cross-National Dialogues on the State of the Art."

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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.

Session 1
9:00 – 10:45 am CA, U.S.A | 11:00 am – 12:45 pm TX, U.S.A
11:00 am – 1:45 pm Colombia | 1:00 – 2:45 pm Brazil | 6:00 – 7:45 pm Spain

Session 2
6:00 – 7:30 pm CA, U.S.A | 8:00 – 9:30 pm Mexico | 9:00 – 10:30 am China (4/23/21)

Diálogos Virtuales is pleased to present this session in collaboration with the São Paulo Open Centre (Brazil).
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Dr. María Luisa Pérez Cañado is Full Professor at the Department of English Philology of the University of Jena, Spain, where she is also Rector’s Delegate for European Languages and University Policy. Her research interests are in Applied Linguistics, bilingual education, and new technologies in language teaching. Her work has appeared in over 100 scholarly journals and edited volumes and she is also author or editor of 15 books on the interface of second language acquisition and second language teaching, as well as editor of the editorial board of 18 international journals. María Luisa has given more than 140 lectures and talks in Belgium, Poland, Germany, Portugal, Ireland, England, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, China, The United States, and all over Spain. She is currently coordinating the first interdisciplinary MA degree on bilingual education and CLIL in Spain, as well as four European, national, and regional projects on attention to diversity in CLIL. She has also been granted the Ben Mayes Award for the quality of her scholarly contributions regarding issues that make a difference in higher education.

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Dr. Margarita Machado-Casas is Chair and Full Professor in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education at San Diego State University. Dr. Machado-Casas completed her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received the IMPACT award for her research on transnational migration trends of Bilingual and Multilingual newly arrived immigrants in the southern U.S. Dr. Machado-Casas also completed the prestigious Post-Doctoral fellowship at Frank Porter Graham (FPG) Research Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill in conjunction with Duke University. Her research interests include immigrant, indigenous, Afro-descendants, and Bilingual/Multilingual education, transnational communities, and minority agency in the fields of education, literacy, assessment/evaluation, parent/family involvement, and social cultural foundations. Currently she is part of an international research project working with governments, universities, and institutions of higher education looking at indigenous, and Afro-descendent bilingual/multilingual education and identity in seven Latin American Countries and Europe. Dr. Machado-Casas is a board member of several prestigious academic journals and is currently a co-editor for the Handbook of Latinas in Education that was awarded the American Education Studies Association Critics Choice Award. Most noteworthy, she has edited over 10 international books and published over 40 academic publications in top tier international journals.

Cristian R. Aquino-Sterling serves as Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Diversity and International Affairs in the College of Education at San Diego State University. He holds a BA in Philosophy (Fordham University); a MA in Hispanic Cultural Studies and Literatures (Columbia University), and a Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction (Arizona State University). Dr. Aquino-Sterling is currently pursuing two lines of research. The first examines 21st century innovations in (bilingual) teacher education theory, curriculum and pedagogies. The second employs contemporary social theory and discourse analytic methods to understand the logics of “ideology critique” in advocacy and critical discourses of education emerging as resistance to neoliberal, hyper-capitalist, and post-truth dynamics. Dr. Aquino-Sterling is the recipient of the 2016 Early Career Reviewer Award of the Bilingual Research Journal (National Association of Bilingual Education) and currently serves as Assistant Editor of the Journal of Global Education and Research. His works have been published in Bilingual Research Journal; Boletín de la Federación Internacional Fe y Alegria; International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism; International Journal of Language and Literacies; International Multilingual Research Journal; Multicultural Perspectives; Reading in a Foreign Language; Revista Comunicación; Revista Internacional de Educación para la Justicia Social; and Teachers College Record.

Meet the Panelists

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