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### **English Phonetic Variation and Code-Switching: Situational Analysis and Reflection on Spoken Intercultural Communication**

Intercultural educators have proposed essential components of intercultural communicative competence (ICC) and recently analyzed multi-cultural identities and dynamic discourse styles in the use of transcultural meshing, but few have addressed the use of English as a lingua franca (ELF) in intercultural interaction among interlocutors who don't share a first language, thus disregarding crucial issues on English ownership, worldwide English variation, and political correctness. In response to the research gap, this study examines the context of ELF in spoken intercultural communication, where people from different backgrounds use their lingual-cultural repertoires for effective and harmonious interaction. The data analysis focuses not only on the general patterns identified in intercultural exchanges, but also on idiosyncratic translingual-cultural practices, which might be context-indexical, despite their exceptions to the regular forms manifested in the majority of the informants, thereby expanding the scope of intercultural research in the use of ELF. In this webinar, I will use some episodes to explain how ELF speakers negotiate meaning and identity effectively and harmoniously with their foreign friends for a long-term rewarding friendship.

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