

Philippine English in migration and mobility

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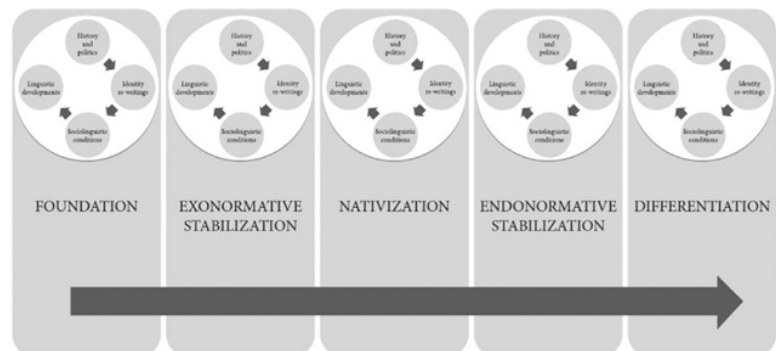
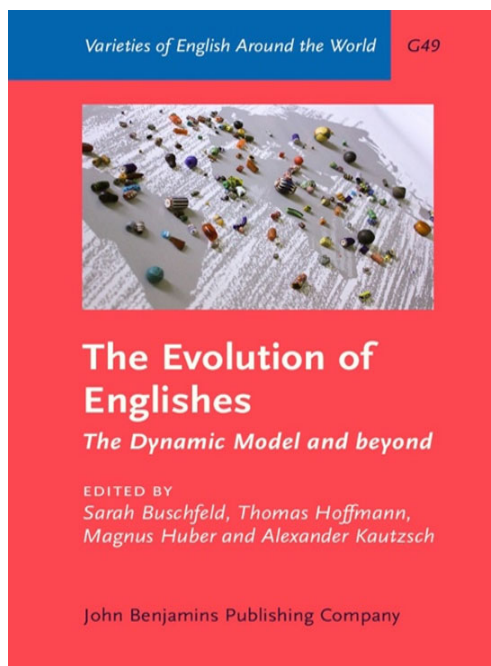
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研究目的・概要

My research project will be published in the forthcoming edited collection, "20 Years of the Dynamic Model: New Perspectives and Challenges in World Englishes" (Edinburgh University Press, 2023). The Dynamic Model is a sociolinguistic toolkit that describes the evolution of postcolonial Englishes around the world. In this research project, I focus on the development of Philippine English in the context of labor migration and mobility. I also demonstrate how the study of deterritorialized Philippine English provides important insights into the development of Philippine English in a globalizing world. As Filipino migrant workers move across borders, they are taking their Philippine English varieties and other Philippine languages with them. These resources are appropriated for their identities and communication. The languages Filipino migrant workers bring with them interact with the languages used by other speakers in lingua franca situations. Such mobility of languages disturbs the assumption that the development of Philippine English is fixed in a single geographic place. In this context of mobility, the unboundedness of Philippine English is explored, and how this may re-configure our understanding of Philippine English in relation to the Dynamic Model. Two questions were addressed in this project: first, in what ways is Philippine English used by Filipino migrant workers in Japan? and second, to what extent do Filipino migrant workers in Japan identify themselves with Philippine English? The project's findings caution us against approaching Philippine English as a language fixed in the Philippines. Rather, Philippine English should be viewed as a linguistic resource that is performed, enacted, embraced, valued, and contested in multilingual and transnational contexts.



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