2. Multilingualism, Plurilingualism, Linguistic diversity, and Language policy

The past decade has seen growing debates on several processes involving the interface between language and culture. The thematic field of multilingualism, plurilingualism, linguistic diversity, and language policy focuses on the micro, meso and macro level research on multilingualism and its implications for communication, identity, social and cultural integration, and education in India and Europe.

What does one mean by multilingualism? How do we distinguish between multilingualism and bilingualism? Present multilingualism juxtaposed historical multilingualism is intricately woven into the post-modern society because of globalisation. Neighbourhoods are constantly changing as a result of global migration. The study of this nexus necessitates an investigation of the complex relationships of globalisation, migration, and expressions of linguistic and cultural identity in multilingual contexts.

Questions we hope to address include those pertaining to:

- Relationship between multilingualism, diversity, and identity
- Language policy and planning influencing choice and use of language in education
- Effect of multilingualism on social institutions

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