

## **ILEI Symposium abstract, Robert Phillipson**

### **Maintaining diversity in scholarly languages**

Universities are under pressure. Academic freedoms are being restricted by governments and the corporate world commissioning particular types of research, by more status being accorded to publications in English rather than other languages (bibliometric hysteria!), by the marketisation of higher education globally (English-only campuses as an export business), and by the Bologna process conflating internationalisation with English-medium education. EU policies advocate multilingualism but many EU practices, for instance in the field of research, strengthen English at the expense of other languages. It is therefore vital that universities elaborate institutional policies for fostering multilingualism, and for creating a balance between national languages and international languages, mainly but definitely not exclusively English. Some steps have been taken in this direction by the governments of the Nordic countries. Some publications document the ways in which Danish universities are becoming bilingual. Copenhagen University is in the lead in recognizing the need for research into ‘parallel competence’ as well as quality control.

See Robert Phillipson responds to Humphrey Tonkin’s *Language and the ingenuity gap in science: The empire of scientific English*. *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies*, 8/1, 117-124.

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## **ILEI-simpozia prelegresumo, Robert Phillipson**

### **Subtenado de diverseco en lingvoj de klerigado**

Universitatoj laboras sub premo. Liberecon en la elekti de esplorkampoj en universitatoj limigas registaroj kaj komercaj entreprenoj kiuj komisias difinitajn esplorprojektojn; pli da prestiĝo oni aljuĝas al eldonajoj en la angla lingvo ol en aliaj (bibliometra histerio!); surmerkatigo tutmonda de universitatniveloj programoj (kun eksporto de nur-anglalingvaj universitatejoj); la Bolonja procezo kiu kuntiras internaciigón kun klerigado nur anglalingva. La politiko de EU pledas por multlingveco, tamen la kutima praktiko en EU, ekzemple en la kampo de scienco esplorado, fortigas la anglan lingvon malavantagé al aliaj. Tial estas esence ke la universitatoj ellaboru institucian praktikon kiu efektive kuraĝigas multlingvecon, kaj kreu ekvilibron inter lingvoj naciaj kaj intermaciaj, ĉefe sed definitive ne ekskluzive la angla. Kelkajn pašojn tiudirekten prenis registaroj de la Nordaj landoj. Kelkaj eldonajoj dokumentas kiel danaj universitatoj laŭiras la vojon al dulingvismo. La Universitato de Kopenhago ĉefrolas en la agnoskado ke gravas ne nur kontrolo de kvalito, sed ankaŭ la bezono esplori pri “paralela kompetento”.

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