

My Current Perspective on English as an International Language

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My Current Perspective on EIL

- Historical Perspectives
- Key Concepts
- Future of English as an International Language and Further Studies

Development of EIL Concept in the 70s

- East-West Center Participants from Asia, the Pacific, and the United States
- They could understand me and I could understand them **BUT**
- They couldn't understand **EACH OTHER**
- **WRONG ASSUMPTION: If I study a variety of native speaker English and become more and more like that native speaking variety, I will be able to understand those from all other countries and will be understood by them.**

New Principle:

- If we want people to be able to understand the English of people from another country, we need to give them opportunities to hear speakers from those countries using English.

Changes in the Last 30 Years

- EIL to World Englishes
- Kachru's Three Circles
- Increase in acceptance of Types of Native Speakers