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Guest speaker : Jeanne SEGONDS-PICHON (Paris, France)

Title: Bilingualism: Definitions, Beliefs and Realities

Abstract:

What does it mean to be “bilingual”? The term seems straightforward at first glance: a person that speaks two (=bi) languages (=lingual). Yet, this singular definition is not enough to describe all the “bilingual” individuals worldwide. For example, do they have to be perfectly proficient in both their languages to be considered as such? At what point does a person become bilingual? Does it matter which pair of languages they use? Furthermore, the many positive and negative beliefs associated with this word can cloud our judgment. Can two languages hinder young children’s learning? Should parents always transmit their foreign language to their children? Is it impossible for an adult to become a “true” bilingual?

In our globalised world, understanding the nuances of bilingualism is crucial, now more than ever. In this talk, we explore how scholars have defined the term “bilingual” and debunk beliefs and misconceptions around the subject.

