The MIC Distinguished Lecture Series

Language, Immigration, and Human Rights in U.S. Language Policy

Wednesday 2/26/2015, at 4 pm
Place: TBA

This presentation addresses the question of the salience of linguistic human rights in the United States and the extent to which language minorities have been able to exercise language rights in education. It will compare positions endorsed by the United Nations with policies and practices in the United States, provide background on key court cases related to educational language rights, and present a framework for categorizing language policies. The presentation also notes recent challenges to both linguistic and educational rights that have reemerged within the contexts of anti-immigrant discourse and arguments for state’s rights.

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