

ENG339 Selected Topic in English Linguistics I

Language attitudes

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Attitude is a central concept in sociolinguistics and has been found to have important effects on language behaviour. The study of individual and collective reactions to linguistic varieties may uncover entrenched perceptions and value judgements of their speakers. This course deals with language attitudes and stereotypes as they are manifested in various attitudinal studies, in popular culture, and in society in general. It covers key methodological and empirical issues, with a focus on how language attitudes can be investigated and measured.

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