

## ENGLISH IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION: CHANGING ELT MODELS, RESTRUCTURING RELATIONSHIPS

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### Abstract

The main function of the English language today is to facilitate communication across intranational and international borders. Nowadays English is a global language which predominates in all spheres of world communication. The emergence of global English is not a pure coincidence of factors collaborating in favour of the English language, but a result of the unequal distribution of economic, political and cultural influence and a deliberate effort of native English speaking countries, mainly the UK and the USA to promote English around the world. This was greatly supported by national organizations and the ELT industry. Though the spread of English has, to a certain degree, contributed to perpetuating the asymmetrical relationships between native and non-native English speaking communities, the appropriation of English and ELT practices empowered the communities in the Periphery and created a basis for reconstitution of the existing inequalities.

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