

## Live Virtual Talk

# RESISTING BOUNDEDNESS AS A WAY TO PUSH AGAINST ESSENTIALISM IN LINGUISTICS

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Recent approaches to language contact/multilingualism question boundedness and emphasize structured heterogeneity when it comes to the linguistic knowledge and practices of multilingual individuals (e.g., Otheguy, Garcia, & Reid 2015; Höder 2012; Namboodiripad 2021). This talk considers how such "bottom-up" approaches to language might not only be useful for linguistic analysis or characterizing individuals' language use, but also as a way of transcending potentially harmful, essentialist constructs such as "native speaker" (Cheng et al. 2021; Bonfiglio 2010). In addition, I discuss some methodological challenges which arise when rejecting such constructs, and potential ways forward.

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