

## **Linguistic Diversity, What for? A virtual course to think about and feel linguistic diversity**

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What is linguistic diversity? How does it manifest and how do we manage it? Why is it important and what is it for? How do we experience it, understand it and feel it all around the world?

The answers to these questions might seem obvious or already known. However, given the complexity of reality, the multiplicity of experiences around languages and the many points of view from which this issue can be approached, the organization Linguapax International considered it was necessary to create a global digital space to gather explanations about linguistic diversity in its multiple dimensions. We're talking about the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) Linguistic diversity, What for? available on the Coursera platform with the support of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

The course offers a wide outlook of linguistic diversity. It deals with matters related to conceptual and legal frameworks and explores different areas where linguistic diversity is relevant and different ways to address the subject and the issues raised around it. You can also find good practices of linguistic revitalization, management and promotion of multilingualism and innovative and creative initiatives that consider or focus on linguistic diversity

Aside from the learning proposal carried by MOOC, Linguapax International has created the course, mainly, to make people feel linguistic diversity. Thus, the course is conceived as a space for exchanging ideas, sharing and debating where everyone involved can improve their knowledge, make their experiences known, compare viewpoints and expand horizons on linguistic diversity.

The course, released in the international community a year and a half ago, has had a participation of more than 1800 students to date (July 2022). This communication presents the most relevant information about the experience: from the profile and origins of the people who have enrolled in it to the topics and debates that have raised most interest and participation, the experiences that have been shared, the reflections that have been made and the most outstanding contributions.