

English in Academia

An English Lecturer's View

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1 Why English in academia?

- + Globalization
- + Marketization

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2 Who 'owns' English?

- + 'native speaker'
- + 'community of practice'

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3 Who sets the norms?

- Language testing:
- + US, UK: e.g. TOEFL, IELTS
 - + CoP: e.g. ITACE

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4 What are the norms for EMI?

Most European universities:

- + B2: university admission
- + C1: teaching purposes

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5 What is my view?

Pragmatic approach

- + English = AcLF
- + NOT 'English Only'

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