

Shared VEIP-EIC research interests across the Indo-Pacific regions

Common research strands are emerging through the papers and discussions at VEIP meetings, inviting interregional comparisons on the nature and extent of contact between English and other languages/varieties in individual contexts; the linguistic and cultural impacts of English in different regions; the role of bilingual and multilingual speakers in different age groups; and the role of written records as evidence of language contact past and present (in newspapers, translations, official records).

Six topic areas have so far been identified as focuses of interest in four or more regions:

- A. Codeswitching, as a linguistic/sociolinguistic phenomenon, and context of language change; the extent to which it involves conventionalised regional elements or individual repertoires
- B. Global and regional linguistic epicentres, the contexts in which linguistic influence is exercised
- C. Hansard/parliamentary records as diachronic corpora, their value as sources of spoken and written data on colonial and post-colonial Englishes
- D. Language policy and education in post-colonial countries of the Indo-Pacific
- E. Cultural reflections of contact in language innovation and change
- F. Comparative processes in the emergence of regional and functional varieties of English