

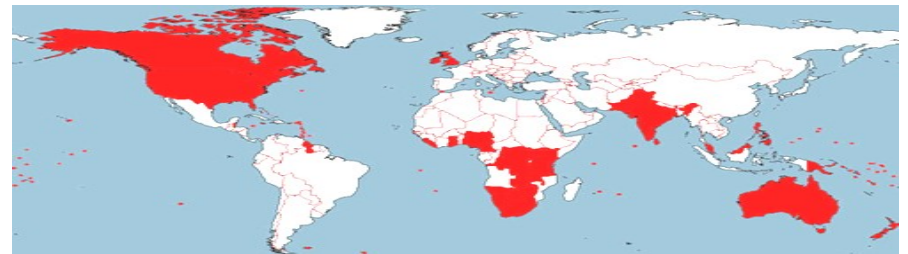


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Symposium

Is Standard English On The Way Out?

The Imperial Cultural Background



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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

09.30: Registration.

10.00: Introduction by William Mallinson (chair).

10.05: Grigoris Psallidas: the laboratory and the symposium.

10.30: David Crystal: the future of Englishes.

11.45: Break.

12.00: Richard Pine: English and Englishes: the uses of an exogenous language in post-colonial literature and politics.

13.00. William Mallinson: has Foreign Office English lost its compass?

13.30: Lunch break.

15.00: Open floor; mini-speeches

16.00: End.