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Day



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English is an international language that is taught in schools throughout the world. While there are commonalities, there is also substantial variation in how English education manifests in the school systems of different countries. In this session celebrating English Language Day, moderated by Professor Francis M. Hult, international students in UMBC's TESOL program offer an overview of how English language teaching and learning takes shape in Argentina, Bolivia, Egypt, and Iran.

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Francis M. Hult is Professor and TESOL Program Director at UMBC. He has taught EFL and ESL at primary, secondary, and university levels in the United States and Sweden. A specialist in language policy and multilingual education, he has published widely in these areas, and he is a frequent speaker in Asia, Europe, and North America.

English Language Day is recognized by the United Nations each year in April. UN language days aim to raise awareness about global multilingualism and cultural diversity.