

Reflection on the module 2: Languages and Territories of Origin

Please reflect on the following questions:

Exploring Language Diversity

How many languages are spoken in your city or country? Try to draw a map (descriptive or graphic) of the linguistic diversity of your city or country, including data such as the number of speakers, the degree of vitality, the legal status, linguistic characteristics, social functions and whatever you find relevant. Try to identify the influence of the original languages on national or colonial languages' conformation and varieties.

Language vitality

Look around you: how do people learn and use their languages? Do the different communities of speakers maintain their heritage language? Why? Which factors threaten linguistic diversity? How to reduce or revert the impact of these factors?

Official languages

Tell us about the national or colonial languages present in your country and their relation with native languages: which are official and which are not? How official languages have been chosen? Which effects did these choices produce? What is your opinion about it? Which are the advantages and drawbacks to foster one or a few official languages in multilingual contexts, in your opinion?