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CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES IN PRACTICAL LINGUISTICS

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Abstract. *Practical linguistics, the application of linguistic theories and methodologies to real-world contexts, has evolved significantly in recent years. This article explores current trends and issues in practical linguistics, focusing on areas such as language teaching, language technology, sociolinguistics, and language policy. By examining these trends and issues, we aim to highlight the dynamic nature of the field and its relevance in addressing contemporary linguistic challenges.*

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Introduction. Practical linguistics encompasses a wide range of applications, from language education to computational linguistics and sociolinguistic research. As globalization and technological advancements continue to shape communication, the field of practical linguistics is adapting to meet new demands. This article reviews current trends and issues in practical linguistics, emphasizing their implications for educators, researchers, and policymakers.

Communicative Language Teaching (CLT). One of the most significant trends in language education is the continued emphasis on Communicative Language Teaching (CLT). This approach prioritizes interaction as the primary means of language learning, focusing on developing learners' communicative competence rather than merely their grammatical knowledge (Littlewood, 2004). Recent studies have shown that CLT enhances learners' motivation and engagement, leading to improved language proficiency. [9]

Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT). Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT) has gained traction as an effective pedagogical approach. TBLT emphasizes the use of meaningful tasks to promote language use in context, allowing learners to practice language skills in authentic situations. [3] Research indicates that TBLT can lead to better retention of language structures and increased fluency. [12, 20]

Technology-Enhanced Language Learning. The integration of technology in language education has transformed teaching methodologies. Online platforms, mobile applications, and virtual classrooms have made language learning more accessible and flexible. Tools such as Duolingo and Rosetta Stone utilize gamification and adaptive learning algorithms to engage learners and personalize their learning experiences. [13] Additionally, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in



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language learning applications provides instant feedback and tailored exercises, enhancing the learning process. [7, 20]

Natural Language Processing (NLP). Natural Language Processing (NLP) has become a crucial area of research and application within practical linguistics. NLP technologies enable machines to understand, interpret, and generate human language, facilitating advancements in areas such as machine translation, sentiment analysis, and chatbots. [6] The increasing accuracy of NLP algorithms has significant implications for language learning, content creation, and information retrieval.

Speech Recognition and Synthesis. Speech recognition and synthesis technologies have made significant strides, allowing for more natural interactions between humans and machines. Applications such as voice assistants (e.g., Siri, Google Assistant) and language learning tools (e.g., speech recognition in language apps) leverage these technologies to enhance user experience and facilitate language practice. [1, 45] Research in this area continues to focus on improving accuracy and understanding of diverse accents and dialects.

Sociolinguistics and Language Policy. **Language and Identity.** Current trends in sociolinguistics emphasize the relationship between language and identity. Researchers are increasingly exploring how language use reflects and shapes social identities, including factors such as ethnicity, gender, and class. [2, 585] This focus on language and identity has implications for language education, as it encourages educators to consider the diverse backgrounds of their students and the role of language in shaping their experiences. **Language Policy and Planning.** Language policy and planning have gained prominence in response to globalization and migration. Governments and organizations are increasingly recognizing the importance of linguistic diversity and the need for inclusive language policies that support multilingualism. [11, 75] Current trends in language policy research focus on the impact of language policies on social cohesion, education, and access to services.

Current Issues in Practical Linguistics. **Linguistic Inequality.** One of the pressing issues in practical linguistics is linguistic inequality, which refers to the unequal distribution of linguistic resources and opportunities among different language communities. This issue is particularly relevant in multilingual societies, where certain languages may be privileged over others, leading to social and economic disparities. [5] Addressing linguistic inequality requires a critical examination of language policies and practices that perpetuate these disparities.

Language Endangerment and Revitalization. Another significant issue is language endangerment, as many languages around the world face the threat of



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extinction. The loss of linguistic diversity has profound implications for cultural heritage and identity. Efforts to revitalize endangered languages are gaining momentum, with communities and organizations working to document and promote the use of these languages. [4] Practical linguistics plays a crucial role in developing strategies for language revitalization and preservation.

Ethical Considerations in Language Technology. As language technology continues to advance, ethical considerations surrounding its use are becoming increasingly important. Issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the potential for misuse of language technologies raise critical questions for researchers and practitioners. [10] Ensuring that language technologies are developed and implemented ethically is essential for promoting equitable access to linguistic resources.

Conclusion. The field of practical linguistics is evolving rapidly, driven by advancements in technology, changing educational paradigms, and a growing awareness of the social dimensions of language. Current trends in language teaching, language technology, sociolinguistics, and language policy reflect the dynamic nature of the field and its relevance in addressing contemporary linguistic challenges. Additionally, pressing issues such as linguistic inequality, language endangerment, and ethical considerations in language technology highlight the need for ongoing research and advocacy in practical linguistics. As the field continues to develop, it will play a crucial role in shaping effective communication strategies and promoting linguistic diversity in an increasingly interconnected world.

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