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HOW "FOREIGN" ARE FOREIGN LANGUAGES?

by



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**Abstract**

Some fleeting moments: The Rabindranath Tagore-Strasse in Berlin, the Max Mueller Marg in Delhi – Basmati Rice and Mango Lassi in German supermarkets, Kinder joy eggs and Ritter Sport in Indian departmental stores – Indian restaurants in almost every German city, the Black Forest pastry in every Indian bakery – German cars on Indian roads, Indian craftwork in German malls – German companies in India, Indian students, doctors and IT specialists in Germany, Shah Rukh Khan in Germany, Walter Kaufmann in the All India Radio – Indology in Germany, German studies in India – these and many more are only a few glimpses of spatial interlinkages between an Indian and a so called "foreign" culture today.

It is quite evident today, that the distinction between the Global and the Local is a fuzzy one. The term "foreign" language is therefore a misnomer, as it fails to reflect the interconnectedness of the world's peoples, their languages, and their cultures. Drawing attention upon the current debate over the inclusion of Foreign languages in the Indian school curriculum as opposed to the existing Three Language Formula, the present paper revisits the attitude of foreignness towards foreign languages.

**Short Bio of Speaker**

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As a student of German Literature, Language and Cultural Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, she has a deep interest in the area of Indo-German Encounters. Her PhD was on the topic: Nietzsche and India. As a DAAD scholarship holder, she visited the University of Humboldt in Berlin, Germany. She is a qualified teacher of German as a Foreign Language, trained at the Max Mueller Bhavan, Pune and the Goethe Institut in Munich and in Berlin.

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