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## After English, who comes next?

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## You Can Say That Again

- English Is Here to Stay
- Why learn Mandarin? China won't make you speak it.



## English language seems to have a Platinum card

- Does that also mean English is the de facto medium of international/intercultural communication of the next generation?
- Unjustified preference in some societies

## List of lingua franca

- Afrikaans
- Arabic
- Berber
- Swahili
- Chinese
  - Arabic
  - Hindi-Urdu
  - Indo-European languages in Eurasia

## What is *lingua franca*?

- What is lingua franca?
- Is it almighty?
- Does it exist?
- Why not Klingon?

## Vanishing Voices?

- *It is clear...* that the reasons most non-Eurasian languages are in danger of dying out have nothing to do with the intrinsic properties of these languages, which are just as complex, expressive, and creative as once, others, nor with the greater intelligence, virtue, or industry of their speakers compared to the speakers of other languages.

... *Vanishing Voices*, Nettle, E. & Romaine, S. (2000). Oxford

## More than One Can do...

- Language learning as an inter-cultural experience.
- Creativity, representation of what the parameter of language can adapted to.
- As a mirror image of ourselves, physically/metaphysically.

## The Small One Step...

- At Dokkyo University:
  - Learning German Culture through English (A Content-Based Course)
  - Why do we have to live in ghettoes?
  - Adesso tutti insieme!

## And Finally...

- Thank you very much indeed for your patience.