

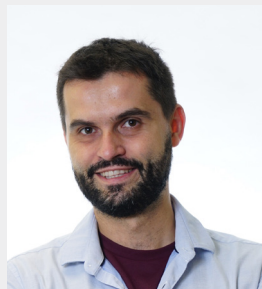
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## THE NTU LINGUIST CHATROOM

### Geo-Linguistics of Spanish Language Teaching in Singapore: An approach to the Hispanic Ecosystem in the Lion City

With more than 470 million native-speakers and around 22 million of learners, Spanish is undeniably considered a global language. This trend is reflected within the Singaporean context, where more than 16 international schools include Spanish in their curriculum, Instituto Cervantes established an accredited exam centre, and higher education institutions such as NTU and NUS have created Minor Programmes to highlight and promote the value of learning Spanish. However, where did it all begin? This seminar aims at establishing a relation between the Lion City and the Hispanic Ecosystem, with special attention to the field of Spanish as a Foreign Language, based on research carried out by Abel Pérez Abad (NTU, SoH, CML, Singapore) and Mario Valenzuela Cruz (Singapore American School) for the *Atlas de ELE (Atlas of Spanish as a Foreign Language)*. We will focus on the institutional, academic, and socio-cultural perspectives, including a revision of different features of Spanish Language Teaching in the Singaporean context, but also on an aspect of growing importance: the role of the learners of Spanish as a Heritage Language.

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Abel Pérez Abad is a Spanish Lecturer at the Centre for Modern Languages (CML), School of Humanities (SoH), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, interested in Technology Enhanced Language Learning, Sociolinguistics, Cognitive Linguistics, Intercultural and Interdisciplinary Studies. His passion for foreign languages and cultures has led him to travel and work across different regions in the world in institutions such as the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong, the University of Pretoria, the University of South Africa, the University of Bath and the Ramapo College of New Jersey, where he was recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship. His academic interests are not limited to higher education. He has worked for the French International School of Hong Kong, Colegio Lourdes in Madrid, and Loreto College-University of Manchester, where he participated in the Sharing Words Project, Winner of the 2005 European Award for Languages.

#### WEBINAR ●

19 February 2021  
1:30pm - 2:30pm  
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