

# Pride, Prejudice and Pragmatism: Family Language Policies in the UK

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## Speaker:

Prof. Xiao Lan CURDT-CHRISTIANSEN is Professor in Applied Linguistics at the Department of Education, University of Bath, UK. She is Director of the Centre for Research in Education in Asia and Cluster Leader in Language, Education and Practice. Her research interests encompass ideological, sociocultural-cognitive and policy perspectives on children's multilingual education and biliteracy development. She has published widely in the field of applied linguistics. Her publications have appeared in leading academic journals, such as Language Policy; Applied Linguistic Review; International Journal of Bilingualism and Bilingual Education; Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development; Language and Education; and Language, Culture and Curriculum, etc..

## Abstract:

In this talk, Prof. Curdt-Christiansen will report findings from a large study that examines how mobility and on-going changes in sociocultural contexts impact on family language policy (FLP) in the UK. Using a questionnaire and semi-structured interviews for data collection and involving 470 transnational families across the UK, the study provides a descriptive analysis of the different types of FLP existing in England and establishes the relationship between parental attitudes and the types of FLP in these families. Complementing the descriptive analysis, Prof. Curdt-Christiansen uses interview data to understand the driving forces behind the different types of FLP, and explore how language status is directly related to negative or positive attitudes towards developing children's heritage language.