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Nederlanders and buitenlanders: A sociolinguistic-ethnographic study of ethnic categorization among secondary school pupils

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- 1. The labels *Marokkaan*, *Turk*, and *buitenlander* can have different meanings according to their context of use. The use of these labels for self-reference cannot automatically be understood as indicating a lack of 'integration' or feelings of belonging to the Netherlands.
- 2. Self-reference as *Marokkaan*, *Turk*, *buitenlander* or *Nederlander* is not always an expression of an inner self or identity. It can also be used strategically, to accomplish actions such as joking or challenging another person's authority.
- 3. Strong ideologies that link languages to certain speakers and places are still prevalent. Resultant banning of certain languages from spaces such as schools can instill a sense of unfairness and inequality on speakers of the language considered 'inappropriate'.
- 4. The study of ethnicity is benefitted by avoiding attempts to describe the supposed (cultural or linguistic) characteristics of certain 'groups' of people. Instead, a productive focus is to analyze how, when, and why people interpret their world in ethnic terms.
- 5. Tracking youth at the end of primary school into different levels according to their supposed intelligence or ability can have severe effects on their sense of self and self-esteem.
- 6. If language forms a significant part of a researcher's data, it is important to consider how the organization of talk-in-interaction influences what people say.

- 7. Studying language can provide insights into the workings of social life; and studying social life can provide insights into the workings of language.
- 8. Creating a dialogue between teachers and pupils about the meanings of categories and the (often complex and unexpected) links between people, languages, and categories, could enable them to understand each other better.
- 9. Communicating through videocalls can offer precious windows into people's homes, but when video-calling with academics, the only thing that one may see is their bookshelf.