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## **Propositions**

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1. While English continues to enjoy its central position as the international language of internet, linguistic diversity and multilingualism on the internet are on the rise.
2. Internet has major implications for the maintenance and development of diasporic networks where an individual's identity is claimed and re-constructed in interaction and in relation to the other internet users in the dynamic context of the migration-affected host society.
3. Codeswitching on Facebook includes creative and playful uses of linguistic resources, which are reflexively mobilized in discourses of cultural diversity.
4. While social media platforms can create a means of communication between migrants and their dispersed communities, it has major impact on host society with people getting involved in transnational networks that offer potentially altered form of identity and community formation.
5. In a world of global flows of wealth, power, and images, the search for identity, collective or individual, ascribed or constructed, becomes the fundamental source of social meaning.  
*(Manuel Castells, 1996)*
6. The process of becoming a member of a community has always been realized in large measure by acquiring knowledge of the functions, social distribution and interpretation of language.  
*(Elinor Ochs and Bambi Schieffelin, 1984)*
7. All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players  
They have their exits and their entrances,  
And one man in his time plays many parts,  
*(William Shakespeare's pastoral comedy, As You Like It)*
8. Show me what your links are and I'll tell you what kind of person you are.  
*(Hugh Miller, 1995)*
9. The hardest thing to do is leaving your comfort zone, but you have to let go of the life you're familiar with and take the risk to live the life you dream about.  
*(T. Arigo)*