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### **Antiracist and Decolonial Engagement in Language Studies: Research and Praxis**

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Antiracist and decolonial perspectives have recently attracted greater attention in the field of language studies. Although these two perspectives have different conceptual origins, they share common visions. In this presentation, I will first discuss how antiracist and decolonial perspectives are related to each other and how potential caveats encourage us to recognize enduring coloniality and the complexity of power relations. Such recognition invites all scholars and educators, including those from minoritized backgrounds, to enact antiracism, decolonize their mind, question all knowledges, and engage in praxis - committed reflection and action for transformation. As examples, I will briefly present two studies on raciolinguistic experiences in separate educational contexts - one in South Korea and another in Canada. These studies have led to projects for praxis in the form of public scholarship.



Dr. Ryuko Kubota is a Professor in the Department of Language and Literacy Education in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Her research focuses on race, ideologies, and power in language education. Her publications include *Race, culture, and identities in second language education: Exploring critically engaged practice* (co-edited, 2009) and *Discourses of identity: Language learning, teaching, and reclamation perspectives in Japan* (co-edited 2023). She has also published in such journals as *Applied Linguistics*, *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies*, *Foreign Language Annals*, *Journal of Second Language Writing*, and *TESOL Quarterly*. Many of her publications also appear in Japanese.