

**Kunschak, Claudia**, Shantou University, China

**Internationalism Revisited: Hegemonic Practices, Reification, Reproduction and Resistance**

Globalization, transnationalism and the blurring of the borders between the real and the virtual have transformed the way we perceive and portray ourselves and others, and how we participate in the dialogue across languages and cultures. While internationalism, English as a Lingua Franca (Seidlhofer, 2004) and the global village suggest an approximation and celebration of different but equal cultures, values and practices, old dichotomies of us vs. them, East vs. West, amongst others, persist or reemerge in resistance to the perceived downplaying of national cultures. This paper will document, analyze and attempt to critique instances of hegemonic practice and resistance at the example of local/Chinese and international/foreign teachers and their students at a medium sized university in Southern China which has put internationalization at the top of its agenda.