The Thousand and One Faces of the Politics of Language in Mexico

The complex and fascinating multiethnic and plurilinguistic nature of Mexico has shown its linguistic policies to be defined by inconsistency and contradiction.

The starting point of this course is an awareness of the complex linguistic reality of Mexico. This will lead us to our main objective: to reflect—by means of a sociolinguistic approach—on some aspects of language policies in Mexico, especially those aimed at teaching Spanish, both as a mother tongue and as a second language to speakers of indigenous languages, as well as on some of their consequences.

This reflection is expected to arise from the critical analysis of real and concrete situations lived at elementary schools as well as within some Indo-Mexican communities.