

## **k12e00 Translated**

Welcome to chapter 12, "Language and Diversity." This chapter invites you to think critically about the role of language in diverse societies and contexts. The chapter gives you an opportunity to explore topics such as inclusive language, language and prejudice, and discrimination against names and accents in the housing market, for example. I will briefly introduce the speakers and give you a brief overview of the two contributions.

In episode 1, Dr. Johanna Chojnicka, formerly a research associate at the University of Bremen and now at the University of Poznan, introduces you to different meanings of language and diversity and explains the concept of discourse. You will learn about the constitutive power of discourse and what role inclusive language plays in the struggle for a more diverse society.

In the second episode, Dr. Inke Du Bois provides insights into the relationship between language, stereotypes, and prejudice, and uses her own research to show how discrimination can be related to names and accents. You will learn more about linguistic discrimination in urban contexts, research methods on social inequality, and ethnolinguistic vitality, "Kiez" language, and the connection between neighborhoods and accents.

Some thoughts to take away and think about as you move on: Use this chapter to reflect on your own language, your own use of language and of discourse, question your perception of language and accents, and consider how you can make your use of language more inclusive, or even what enrichment other language and different accents can actually be.