

The Future of World Englishes

Well the talk was called as you probably heard the future of and the important thing is that « es » ending at the end there, you know. Don't fall into a trap of thinking as some people do there is no such word you know English does not have a Oh yes it does! Englishes is very definitely around and that word came into being about really um to reflect the reality of what when English becomes a global language . Because what does happen? You know as a country takes up the English language and it. It immediately it to suit its circumstances because what is language for ? Language exists talk about what we want to talk about so what do you want to talk about? Well anything, I suppose, the whole world but you to talk about what's happening or whoever's watching this your country. And therefore you want to have an English that your local interests, your history, the things that happen around you all the things that you would naturally do in your own language. If you're as an international language then you want to be able to talk in that language as well. And so what is happening in English as it goes around the world becomes global, is that the different countries that have adopted it immediately start to make it They start to shape it, and push it, in a direction it never was in before. Now this has happened So, take or so, when the first people arrived in America and... You know we're talking , that's the sort of period and they on the Eastern seaboard of America you get the beginnings of Virginia and is American English But how long do you think it takes for an American English to develop? Are you thinking ? It only takes weeks for a new variety of English to start to grow.