

Global Englishes and CLT: Rethinking Innovation for Local ESL Classrooms

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Abstract

This study critically examines how Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) can be innovated to reflect the realities of Global Englishes in ESL (English as a Second Language) classrooms. The aim is to identify practical strategies for integrating linguistic diversity into CLT and to assess the challenges and opportunities this integration presents. Using a conceptual and literature-based methodology, the research synthesizes key works on Global Englishes and CLT to evaluate current practices and propose directions for reform. The findings indicate a growing trend toward incorporating diverse English varieties and intercultural communication strategies within CLT frameworks. However, significant barriers persist, including entrenched native-speaker norms, institutional constraints, and limited teacher preparation. The study concludes that effective integration of Global Englishes into CLT requires flexible curricula, targeted teacher development, and supportive policy changes. These insights contribute to the ongoing discourse on equitable and relevant English language education, highlighting the need for context-sensitive approaches that empower learners in a globalized world.

Key words: Global Englishes, CLT, ESL, curriculum innovation, teacher development

Introduction

The global expansion of English has led to the emergence of diverse varieties collectively known as Global Englishes. No longer confined to its traditional native-speaking contexts, English today serves as a lingua franca across continents, enabling communication among speakers from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds. This dynamic spread has resulted in a multitude of localized forms, each shaped by its users' identities and communicative needs (Sanczyk-Cruz, 2023). In parallel, Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) has become the dominant approach in English as a Second Language (ESL) classrooms worldwide, aiming to develop learners' communicative competence and real-world language use (Hulatt, 2024). However, the global reality of English use challenges the foundational assumptions of CLT, which often remains anchored in native-speaker norms and standardized varieties. This paper distinguishes between three related but distinct terms: *World Englishes*, *Global Englishes*, and *English as a Lingua Franca (ELF)*. *World Englishes* refers to localized varieties of

English that have developed in different regions, emphasizing their unique linguistic and cultural identities (Kachru, 1985). *Global Englishes* is a broader concept that includes World Englishes and focuses on English as a dynamic, transnational means of communication across diverse contexts (Galloway & Rose, 2018). *English as a Lingua Franca* specifically describes English used as a common language among speakers with different native languages, highlighting communication strategies over native-speaker norms (Jenkins, 2015). This study primarily adopts the Global Englishes framework to explore the integration of diverse English varieties and intercultural communication in CLT.

Problem Statement:

A significant disconnect persists between the standardized frameworks of CLT and the complex realities of Global Englishes in local ESL classrooms. While CLT has historically emphasized authentic communication, its implementation frequently privileges inner-circle English norms, marginalizing the diverse linguistic practices that characterize English use globally (Xie, 2021). This gap raises critical questions about the adequacy of current pedagogical models in preparing learners for effective communication in a multilingual world.

Relationship to Previous Work:

Previous research has explored the integration of World Englishes and Global Englishes into language teaching, highlighting the need for pedagogical models that reflect the linguistic diversity of English today (Sanczyk-Cruz, 2023; Xie, 2021). The Global Englishes Language Teaching (GELT) framework, for example, advocates for moving beyond native-speaker standards and embracing the fluidity and multiplicity of Englishes in classroom practice (Sangpetch et al., 2023). However, much of the existing literature focuses on theoretical discussions or isolated classroom interventions, with limited attention to comprehensive curricular innovation or the systematic adaptation of CLT to local contexts.

Significance and Contribution:

This study addresses the urgent need for innovation in CLT by critically examining how its principles can be reimagined to accommodate the realities of Global Englishes. By synthesizing current research and proposing practical directions for curriculum design, teacher education, and language policy, the paper aims to bridge the gap between global linguistic diversity and local classroom practice. Such an approach is essential for equipping learners with the skills and awareness necessary for effective and respectful communication in a globalized world (Sanczyk-Cruz, 2023; Sangpetch et al., 2023).

Aims of the Study:

The central aim of this study is to explore how CLT can be innovated to reflect the diversity and realities of Global Englishes in local ESL classrooms. Specifically, the study seeks to answer: How can CLT be adapted to support the communicative needs of learners in a world characterized by multiple Englishes? What practical strategies and curricular innovations can facilitate this shift? These questions guide the analysis and recommendations presented in the following sections.

Method

Research Design:

This study adopts a conceptual and theoretical research approach, focusing on the critical analysis and synthesis of existing literature related to Global Englishes and Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) in ESL contexts. The rationale for employing a literature-based, analytical model lies in the complex and evolving nature of both Global Englishes and CLT, which require a comprehensive examination of theoretical frameworks, empirical findings, and pedagogical innovations documented in scholarly sources. Conceptual research is particularly suitable for addressing questions that necessitate the integration of diverse perspectives and the identification of gaps and trends within a field, rather than the collection

of new empirical data. By systematically reviewing and evaluating published work, this approach enables the development of new insights and theoretical models relevant to contemporary language teaching and learning.

The analysis is structured around a synthesized model that merges the core tenets of Global Englishes with the principles of CLT, drawing on the Global Englishes Language Teaching (GELT) paradigm. The framework conceptualizes ESL classrooms as dynamic spaces where English is not a fixed, native-speaker standard but a pluralistic, adaptive tool for global communication. The three interrelated components of the model are: (1) recognition of linguistic diversity, which involves exposure to and acceptance of multiple English varieties in classroom materials and activities; (2) communicative competence for global contexts, which expands traditional CLT goals to include intelligibility, adaptability, and intercultural awareness; and (3) critical language awareness, which fosters agency and confidence in learners by encouraging reflection on language ownership and identity.

Population and Sample/Study Group/Participants:

As this is a conceptual paper, there is no traditional population or sample in the empirical sense. Instead, the study draws upon a broad range of literature, including peer-reviewed journal articles, academic books, policy documents, and case studies published in the fields of applied linguistics, language education, and TESOL. The selection of sources was guided by their relevance to the research questions, their scholarly credibility, and their contribution to the understanding of Global Englishes and CLT. Special emphasis was placed on works published within the last fifteen years to ensure the inclusion of recent theoretical developments and innovations, while also incorporating seminal texts foundational to the field.

Data Collection Tools:

The primary data collection tool in this conceptual study is the systematic review and selection of relevant literature. The inclusion criteria were as follows:

- Peer-reviewed status or recognized academic publisher.
 - Direct relevance to Global Englishes, CLT, or their intersection in ESL contexts.
 - Publication in English.
 - Contribution to theoretical, empirical, or pedagogical discussions
- Exclusion criteria included:
- Non-academic or non-peer-reviewed sources
 - Irrelevance to the research focus
 - Publications prior to 2005, unless considered seminal.

To ensure rigor, the RADAR model was used to evaluate sources for relevance, authority, date, accuracy, and rationale. Thematic and content analysis served as the primary analytical tools, allowing for the identification and synthesis of key concepts, recurring themes, and innovative practices across the selected literature.

A systematic and purposive literature search was conducted using databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, ERIC, and Google Scholar with keywords including “Global Englishes” and “Communicative Language Teaching.” Literature saturation was assessed iteratively, with the search concluding when no new themes emerged (Faez, Martini, & Pavia, 2022). Although initial coding was inductive, analysis was guided by a predefined conceptual framework integrating Global Englishes and CLT principles, ensuring focused and comprehensive thematic synthesis.

Data Collection:

The literature was sourced through systematic searches of academic databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, ERIC, and Google Scholar. Keywords used included “Global Englishes,” “World Englishes,” “Communicative Language Teaching,” “ESL pedagogy,” and “curricular innovation.” Boolean operators and filters were applied to refine results by publication date,

type, and subject area. The search process was iterative, with initial broad searches followed by more focused queries based on emerging themes. The time frame for literature considered was 2005 to 2025, capturing both foundational and contemporary perspectives. To organize and manage the literature, a matrix was developed categorizing sources by type, thematic focus, methodological approach, and key findings, facilitating a structured and transparent review process.

Data Analysis:

The analytical procedures adopted in this study were centered on thematic synthesis and comparative analysis, with the overarching goal of constructing a coherent and nuanced understanding of how Global Englishes and Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) intersect in the context of ESL education. The process began with a systematic reading and coding of the selected literature, which included empirical studies, theoretical articles, policy documents, and case reports. Each source was carefully reviewed to extract key concepts, arguments, and findings relevant to the research questions guiding this paper.

Thematic synthesis was the primary analytical method, as it allows for the integration of diverse perspectives and the identification of recurring patterns across a heterogeneous body of literature (Faez et al., 2022). The first stage of analysis involved open coding, where segments of text were labeled according to emerging themes such as “native-speakerism in CLT,” “pedagogical adaptation,” “teacher beliefs,” “curricular innovation,” and “learner identity.” These initial codes were then refined and grouped into broader thematic categories through an iterative process of comparison and discussion. For instance, codes related to the limitations of traditional CLT approaches were clustered under a larger theme of “Challenges to Standardized Pedagogy,” while those highlighting classroom strategies for integrating Global Englishes were grouped as “Innovative Practices in CLT.”

In addition to thematic synthesis, comparative analysis was employed to juxtapose different theoretical frameworks and pedagogical models found in the literature. This involved systematically comparing how various scholars conceptualize the relationship between Global Englishes and CLT, as well as the practical implications of these conceptualizations for classroom practice. For example, the Global Englishes Language Teaching (GELT) framework was compared with more traditional CLT paradigms to highlight both points of convergence—such as the emphasis on communicative competence—and areas of divergence, including attitudes toward linguistic diversity and the role of local varieties of English (Sanczyk-Cruz, 2023; Sangpetch et al., 2023). This comparative approach enabled a critical evaluation of the strengths and limitations of existing models, as well as the identification of innovative directions for future pedagogical development.

While this study advocates for the integration of Global Englishes perspectives into CLT, it is essential to recognize the significant challenges and tensions that arise in real-world implementation, particularly in low-resource or exam-driven educational settings. Many schools, especially in developing regions, operate under severe budgetary and infrastructural constraints. Teachers may lack access to diverse teaching materials, reliable technology, or opportunities for professional development focused on innovative pedagogies (Bukhari, 2023; Foley, 2022). In such environments, the adoption of CLT—let alone its adaptation to Global Englishes—can be perceived as impractical or even unattainable.

Exam-oriented systems pose additional barriers. In contexts where high-stakes standardized testing determines both student advancement and institutional reputation, there is often little incentive to deviate from traditional, grammar-translation or test-preparation methods (Galloway & Rose, 2017). Teachers may fear that integrating diverse English varieties or prioritizing communicative competence could disadvantage students in exams that still privilege native-speaker norms and discrete-point grammar knowledge. This tension is

compounded by parental and societal expectations, which frequently equate “good English” with conformity to inner-circle standards.

Implementation failures and resistance are documented in the literature. For example, attempts to introduce CLT or Global Englishes-informed curricula have sometimes faltered due to inadequate teacher training, lack of administrative support, or misalignment with assessment frameworks (Pham, 2005; Jansem, 2019). Teachers may revert to familiar practices under pressure, or innovations may be superficially adopted without meaningful pedagogical change.

These realities underscore the need for a nuanced, context-sensitive approach to innovation. Rather than prescribing a universal model, reforms should be flexible, allowing for incremental adaptation based on local resources, constraints, and priorities. Policymakers and curriculum developers must engage with teachers on the ground, offering sustained support, realistic timelines, and alignment with assessment systems. Future research should continue to document not only successes but also the complexities and setbacks encountered in diverse settings, ensuring that the push for innovation remains grounded in the lived experiences of educators and learners.

Throughout the analysis, particular attention was paid to identifying trends and gaps in the literature. One notable trend was the increasing recognition of the need for context-sensitive approaches to English language teaching that move beyond native-speaker norms (Xie, 2021). Several studies documented successful classroom interventions that incorporated local varieties of English and encouraged critical reflection on language ownership and identity (Sangpetch et al., 2023). However, the literature also revealed significant gaps, including a lack of comprehensive curricular frameworks that systematically integrate Global Englishes perspectives into mainstream CLT practice, and limited empirical research on the long-term impact of such innovations on learner outcomes.

To ensure rigor and transparency, the analysis process was documented using a literature matrix, which tracked each source’s thematic focus, methodological approach, and key findings. This matrix facilitated cross-referencing and helped to ensure that the synthesis accurately reflected the breadth and depth of the reviewed literature. The iterative nature of the analysis allowed for continuous refinement of themes and the incorporation of new insights as additional sources were reviewed.

The final stage of analysis involved synthesizing the findings into a conceptual model that illustrates the dynamic interplay between Global Englishes and CLT in ESL classrooms. This model highlights the need for a pluralistic approach to language teaching that recognizes the legitimacy of multiple Englishes, values local classroom realities, and equips learners with the communicative strategies necessary for global interaction. By grounding the analysis in a robust and systematic review of the literature, this study aims to provide a foundation for future research and practical innovation in the field of English language education.

Findings

Innovative Approaches to CLT

A synthesis of the literature reveals that the integration of Global Englishes into Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) has led to a range of innovative pedagogical practices. Traditionally, CLT has emphasized communicative competence, often modeled on native-speaker norms. However, recent scholarship and classroom experimentation have begun to challenge this orientation, advocating for a more inclusive approach that reflects the realities of English as a global lingua franca (Rose et al., 2020).

One notable innovation is the incorporation of multiple English varieties into classroom materials and activities. Instead of focusing exclusively on British or American English, educators are increasingly exposing learners to accents, idioms, and pragmatic norms from

diverse English-speaking communities worldwide (Bukhari, 2023). This practice not only broadens students' receptive skills but also fosters greater tolerance and understanding of linguistic diversity.

Task-based learning, a hallmark of CLT, is being reimagined to reflect global communication scenarios. For example, learners might engage in simulations that require negotiating meaning with speakers from different linguistic backgrounds or participate in projects that explore English use in local and international contexts (Dantaz Rico, 2023). Such activities encourage students to develop adaptive communicative strategies and to view intelligibility, rather than native-likeness, as the primary goal of language use.

Moreover, some programs are integrating explicit instruction on the politics and power dynamics of English, helping students critically reflect on issues of language ownership, identity, and the legitimacy of local Englishes. This critical awareness is seen as essential for preparing learners to navigate the complex sociolinguistic landscape of global English (Caine, 2008).

Barriers to Integration

Despite these promising developments, several barriers hinder the widespread adoption of Global Englishes-informed CLT. A persistent challenge is the entrenched preference for native-speaker norms in curricula, assessment, and teacher beliefs (Rose et al., 2020). Many teachers, often products of traditional training programs, may lack exposure to or confidence in teaching multiple English varieties. This can lead to resistance or uncertainty when asked to move beyond established models.

Institutional constraints further complicate innovation. Standardized tests and prescribed textbooks often reinforce a narrow conception of "correct" English, leaving little room for the inclusion of diverse linguistic forms (Bukhari, 2023). Additionally, educational policies in some contexts continue to privilege monolingual, native-like proficiency as the ultimate goal, which may discourage experimentation with more pluralistic approaches.

Resource limitations also play a role. Developing or sourcing authentic materials that represent a range of Englishes can be time-consuming and costly. Teachers in under-resourced settings may lack access to professional development opportunities that would enable them to update their practices in line with Global Englishes perspectives (Caine, 2008). Finally, learner attitudes can present obstacles. Some students, influenced by societal and economic pressures, may view native-speaker models as more prestigious or desirable, potentially leading to resistance against the inclusion of local or non-standard varieties in the classroom (Galloway & Rose, 2021, as cited in Bukhari, 2023).

Opportunities for Teacher Development

Amid these challenges, the literature identifies significant opportunities for advancing teacher development in support of Global Englishes-oriented CLT. Professional development programs that focus on raising awareness of global English diversity and providing practical strategies for integrating it into classroom practice are gaining traction (Bukhari, 2023).

Courses and workshops designed to enhance teachers' linguistic awareness, intercultural competence, and critical pedagogical skills have been shown to positively influence attitudes and teaching practices. For instance, teachers who participate in Global Englishes-focused training often report increased confidence in addressing linguistic diversity and a greater willingness to experiment with new materials and methods (Bukhari, 2023).

Collaborative networks and communities of practice are also emerging as valuable resources. These platforms enable teachers to share experiences, co-develop materials, and reflect on the challenges and successes of implementing innovative approaches. Such collaboration not

only supports individual teacher growth but also contributes to the gradual transformation of institutional norms and expectations.

Furthermore, the shift towards a post-method pedagogy—one that values teacher autonomy, context sensitivity, and reflective practice—aligns well with the goals of Global Englishes integration (Dantaz Rico, 2023). By empowering teachers to adapt CLT principles to their unique classroom realities, this approach fosters a more responsive and inclusive language education environment.

Summary of Key Findings

In summary, the literature demonstrates a growing movement towards the integration of Global Englishes perspectives into CLT, marked by innovative classroom practices, critical reflection, and a focus on communicative effectiveness over native-like accuracy. While significant barriers remain—particularly in the form of entrenched norms, institutional constraints, and resource gaps—there is clear evidence that targeted teacher development and collaborative practice can facilitate meaningful change. The ongoing evolution of CLT in response to the realities of global English use holds promise for more equitable, relevant, and empowering language education in diverse ESL contexts.

Discussion

Restatement of Research Questions/Aims

This study set out to explore how Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) can be innovated to reflect the realities of Global Englishes in local ESL classrooms. The central questions guiding the research were: How can CLT be adapted to support the communicative needs of learners in a world characterized by multiple Englishes? What practical strategies and curricular innovations can facilitate this shift? The findings have highlighted both the progress made and the persistent challenges in integrating Global Englishes perspectives into mainstream CLT practice.

Brief Summary of Findings in Relation to Aims

The synthesis of the literature demonstrates that innovative CLT practices influenced by Global Englishes are emerging in various educational contexts. These include the incorporation of diverse English varieties into classroom materials, the design of tasks that simulate real-world global communication, and the fostering of critical awareness regarding language ownership and identity (Galloway & Rose, 2018; Inthapat et al., 2022). However, the findings also reveal significant barriers, such as the continued dominance of native-speaker norms, institutional constraints, limited resources, and mixed attitudes among both teachers and learners. Despite these challenges, opportunities for teacher development and curricular reform are evident, particularly through targeted professional development and collaborative practice.

Interpretation of Findings

The findings of this study align with previous research that emphasizes the need for a shift from traditional, native-speaker-oriented models of English language teaching to approaches that recognize and value linguistic diversity (Galloway & Rose, 2018). Studies have shown that when learners are exposed to multiple English varieties and encouraged to reflect on the global nature of English, they develop greater openness to language differences and increased communicative competence (Inthapat et al., 2022). This is consistent with the principles of CLT, which prioritize real-world communication and learner engagement (Putri, 2024; Qasserras, 2023).

However, the literature also points to persistent resistance to change, particularly in contexts where standardized testing and traditional curricula reinforce a narrow conception of “correct” English (Bukhari, 2023; Galloway & Rose, 2018). Teachers may feel ill-equipped to teach multiple varieties of English or may lack access to appropriate materials and training.

Furthermore, learners themselves may internalize societal preferences for native-speaker norms, viewing them as more prestigious or desirable (Inthapat et al., 2022). These findings echo earlier research that highlights the complex interplay between language ideology, policy, and classroom practice (Qasserras, 2023).

Possible reasons for these similarities and differences include the varying degrees of institutional support for innovation, differences in teacher education programs, and the sociocultural context in which English is taught and learned. In contexts where educational policy explicitly supports the integration of Global Englishes, teachers are more likely to experiment with new approaches and report positive outcomes (Ha & Hanh, 2024). Conversely, in settings where policy and assessment remain rigidly attached to native-speaker standards, innovation is slower and more challenging.

Consideration of All Possible Factors and Error Sources

It is important to acknowledge that the findings of this study are based on a synthesis of published literature, which may be subject to selection bias and may not capture the full range of classroom experiences worldwide. The reviewed studies vary in their methodological rigor and scope, and some focus primarily on attitudinal changes rather than measurable improvements in language proficiency (Inthapat et al., 2022). Additionally, the rapid evolution of English language use globally means that classroom practices and teacher beliefs may be changing more quickly than the literature can document. These factors suggest caution in generalizing the findings to all ESL contexts.

Implications

The implications of these findings are significant for curriculum design, teacher training, and language policy. Curriculum developers are encouraged to move beyond monolithic representations of English and to include materials and activities that reflect the diversity of English use globally (Galloway & Rose, 2018). Teacher education programs should prioritize the development of linguistic awareness, intercultural competence, and critical pedagogical skills, equipping teachers to navigate and embrace linguistic diversity in their classrooms. Policymakers, in turn, should consider revising assessment frameworks and educational standards to recognize the legitimacy of multiple Englishes and to support innovation in teaching practice.

At the same time, it is essential to avoid overgeneralization. Not all contexts will benefit equally from the same innovations, and local needs and resources must be carefully considered. The integration of Global Englishes into CLT should be seen as a flexible, context-sensitive process rather than a one-size-fits-all solution. Alternative interpretations of the findings are possible, especially in light of the diversity of educational settings and learner populations.

Table 1: Barriers and Opportunities for Integrating Global Englishes into CLT

Barriers	Opportunities
Entrenched native-speaker norms in curricula and assessment	Flexible, context-sensitive curriculum design
Limited teacher preparation and professional development	Targeted teacher training on Global Englishes and CLT integration
Institutional resistance and policy constraints	Supportive policy reforms and leadership

Barriers	Opportunities
Resource limitations (materials, technology, funding)	Collaborative networks and sharing of best practices
Exam-oriented educational systems	Emphasis on communicative competence and intercultural awareness
Learner and societal preference for standard English models	Validation of diverse English varieties and learner agency

As shown in Table 1, the main barriers and opportunities for integrating Global Englishes into Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) include both institutional and pedagogical challenges, as well as areas for innovation and growth.

Conclusion of Discussion

In conclusion, this study reaffirms the importance of rethinking CLT in light of the realities of Global Englishes. The main results indicate that while progress has been made in developing innovative, inclusive pedagogical practices, significant barriers remain. The successful integration of Global Englishes into CLT depends on sustained efforts in curriculum development, teacher education, and policy reform, as well as ongoing research to monitor and evaluate the impact of these changes. By grounding language teaching in the lived realities of English users worldwide, educators can better prepare learners for effective communication in an increasingly interconnected world.

Conclusion

Summary of the Study

This paper set out to critically examine how Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) can be innovated to reflect the realities of Global Englishes in local ESL classrooms. The study was motivated by the recognition that the global spread of English has fundamentally transformed not only the nature of the language but also the contexts and purposes for which it is used (Rose, McKinley, & Galloway, 2020). The traditional dominance of native-speaker norms in English language pedagogy has come under increasing scrutiny, as the majority of English users worldwide are now multilingual speakers who employ English in diverse, intercultural, and often fluid communicative contexts (Caine, 2008).

Adopting a conceptual and literature-based approach, the study synthesized research on Global Englishes, CLT, and their intersection in classroom practice. The findings highlighted a growing movement toward integrating Global Englishes perspectives into CLT, as evidenced by innovative classroom practices such as the inclusion of multiple English varieties, task-based activities that simulate real-world global communication, and explicit instruction on language ownership and identity (Bukhari, 2023). At the same time, the review identified persistent barriers, including entrenched native-speaker ideologies, institutional inertia, and limited teacher preparation for addressing linguistic diversity (Rose et al., 2020). Teacher education and curriculum reform emerged as crucial enablers for change, with professional development programs and collaborative networks offering promising avenues for supporting teachers in this paradigm shift (Bukhari, 2023).

Significance

The significance of rethinking CLT in the age of Global Englishes cannot be overstated. As English continues to function as a global lingua franca, it is imperative that language teaching practices move beyond monolithic models and embrace the linguistic, cultural, and functional diversity that characterizes English use today (Rose et al., 2020). Integrating Global Englishes perspectives into CLT is not merely a matter of pedagogical innovation; it is an ethical imperative that acknowledges the legitimacy of all English users and prepares learners for authentic, effective communication in a globalized world (Sanczyk-Cruz, 2023).

By fostering intercultural competence, critical language awareness, and adaptability, a Global Englishes-informed CLT can empower learners to navigate the complexities of international communication and to participate fully and confidently in diverse linguistic communities (Tan et al., 2020). The study's findings underscore the need for ongoing research, policy support, and teacher education to ensure that English language teaching remains relevant, inclusive, and responsive to the realities of the twenty-first century. Ultimately, embracing the principles of Global Englishes within CLT offers a pathway toward more equitable, dynamic, and meaningful language education for all learners.

Suggestion

Practical Recommendations

For curriculum developers, it is essential to design English language programs that are flexible and context-sensitive, allowing for the integration of local cultural norms and communicative practices within the framework of Communicative Language Teaching (CLT). Rather than adopting a one-size-fits-all approach, curricula should be adaptive, drawing on the principles of Global Englishes to ensure that materials and tasks are relevant to learners' real-world communicative needs (Pham, 2005; Foley, 2022). Incorporating authentic texts, diverse English varieties, and tasks that mirror local and international communication scenarios can help learners develop both confidence and competence in using English for multiple purposes. Additionally, curriculum designers should consider blending traditional and innovative CLT activities, such as whole-class discussions, culturally familiar storytelling, and collaborative problem-solving, to better align with students' discourse styles and classroom realities (Pham, 2005; Sim, 2022).

For teacher educators, there is a pressing need to provide ongoing professional development that equips teachers with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to implement a modified, locally appropriate version of CLT. Training should focus not only on the theoretical underpinnings of CLT and Global Englishes but also on practical strategies for adapting activities, materials, and assessment tools to suit specific classroom contexts (Jansem, 2019). Encouraging reflective practice, peer collaboration, and exposure to successful case studies can empower teachers to experiment with new methods and to critically evaluate the effectiveness of their approaches (Deckert, 2004). Teacher education programs should also address common misconceptions about CLT and promote an understanding of the value of communicative competence over native-like accuracy (Sim, 2022).

For policymakers, it is recommended to support curriculum innovation and teacher training initiatives that recognize the realities of English as a global language. Policies should encourage the use of diverse English models in assessment and instructional materials and provide resources for the development of contextually relevant curricula (Foley, 2022). Moreover, educational policy should facilitate collaboration between local educators and international experts, fostering an environment where best practices can be shared and adapted to meet local needs (Pham, 2005).

Suggestions for Future Research Directions

Future research should explore the long-term impact of Global Englishes-informed CLT on learner outcomes, including communicative competence, intercultural awareness, and motivation. Comparative studies across different educational settings and cultural contexts would provide valuable insights into which adaptations are most effective and sustainable. Additionally, research should investigate the processes by which teachers internalize and implement new pedagogical models, as well as the institutional factors that facilitate or hinder innovation. Action research and classroom-based studies can further illuminate the practical challenges and successes of integrating Global Englishes into CLT, contributing to the ongoing refinement of theory and practice in English language education.

Limitation

Limitations of the Study

Despite the comprehensive and systematic approach adopted in this conceptual and theoretical investigation, several limitations should be acknowledged. First, the scope of literature reviewed, while broad and inclusive of recent and seminal works, is inherently limited by the availability and accessibility of published research in English. This focus may have excluded relevant studies published in other languages or in less widely disseminated regional journals, potentially narrowing the global perspective of the findings. Additionally, the review prioritized sources from peer-reviewed journals, academic books, and policy documents, which, while ensuring scholarly rigor, may have overlooked valuable insights from practitioner reports, conference proceedings, or unpublished theses (Farley-Ripple et al., 2018).

Potential biases in source selection are also a consideration. The process of identifying, selecting, and interpreting literature is influenced by the researcher's own perspectives, prior knowledge, and research aims. Although efforts were made to mitigate bias through the use of explicit inclusion and exclusion criteria and a systematic search strategy, the possibility remains that some relevant perspectives or dissenting voices were underrepresented. Furthermore, the literature on Global Englishes and Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) is evolving rapidly, and new research may emerge that challenges or extends the conclusions drawn in this paper (Sharpes, 2015).

A key limitation of the conceptual/theoretical approach, as opposed to empirical research, is the absence of primary data from classroom observations, teacher interviews, or learner assessments. While conceptual studies can offer valuable syntheses, frameworks, and critical perspectives, they do not provide direct evidence of how innovations are enacted or experienced in specific educational settings (Farley-Ripple et al., 2018; Sharpes, 2015). This means that the practical applicability and effectiveness of the recommendations made in this paper remain to be tested and validated through empirical inquiry. The lack of field data also limits the ability to account for contextual variables, such as institutional culture, policy environments, or local attitudes, which may significantly influence the success of CLT innovations informed by Global Englishes (Sharpes, 2015).

In summary, while this study contributes to the theoretical and pedagogical discourse on CLT and Global Englishes, its findings should be interpreted with an awareness of these limitations. Future research employing mixed methods or empirical designs is needed to validate, refine, and extend the insights generated here, ensuring that recommendations are grounded in the lived realities of teachers and learners across diverse contexts.

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