Bilingual Education in the 21st Century: A Global Perspective
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DESCRIPTION

Bilingual Education in the 21st Century examines languages and bilingualism as individual and societal phenomena, presents program types, variables, and policies in bilingual education, and concludes by looking at practices, especially pedagogies and assessments. This thought-provoking work is an ideal textbook for future teachers as well as providing a fresh view of the subject for school administrators and policy makers.

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- Reviews international bilingual education policies, with separate chapters dedicated to US and EU language policy in education
- Gives reasons why bilingual education is good for all children throughout the world, and presents cases of how this is being carried out
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