Language, Society and Power—how are these three things linked?

Today we live in a world where what people say has a great impact on our society. From Fake News to social media to the words of politicians, we’re constantly confronted with different ideas expressed in language.

How does language affect society? How does it affect our interaction? What is the relationship between language and power?

In this course, we will explore language from a sociolinguistic perspective. We will analyze language and see how powerful it is in today’s society. We will look at how language can be used to oppress and manipulate and how it can also be used to empower and spread wonderful ideas.