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Central Europe as an Exception to the Norms of the Global Language Politics

In today's world there are two clusters of ethnolinguistic nation-states, in Central Europe and South East Asia. Proponents of ethnolinguistic nationalism believe that all speakers of a language (speech community) constitute a nation, which should be endowed with its own and unshared nation-state. As a result, speakers of other languages living on the polity's territory are made overnight into foreigners, who must either leave or assimilate. Yet, from the global perspective such a politicized use of language for statehood building, legitimization, maintenance and destruction is highly unusual. The global (typically postcolonial) norm is the use of non-indigenous languages for official purposes, while indigenous ones function as vernaculars of day-to-day oral communication. Hence, what is the norm in Central Europe in the compartment of language politics is a non-standard exception from the global perspective.

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