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Language Preparedness in the 'Zeitenwende' Era:

A Strategic Imperative for Global Peace and Understanding



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A Historic Turning Point







Prioritizing Language Training



The only way we can prevail in great power conflict is with allies and partners. Language acquisition is fundamental to this effort.





Overview of Key Elements



In the context of a global "Zeitenwende," a military language program should prioritize three key elements:





The Look of Success







Security Cooperation Officers (SCO) Cryptologic Language Analysts (CLA)



Language Instructors



Translators/Interpreters



Foreign Area Officers (FAO)



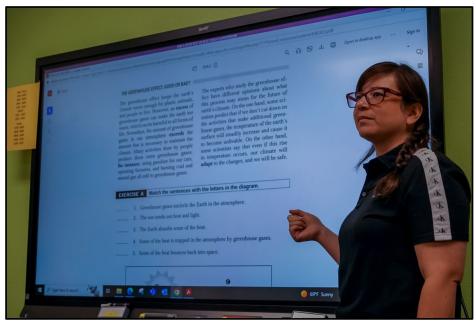
Modern Methodologies

















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- ELLs
- Student Devices
- Interactive Content
- Instructor Development



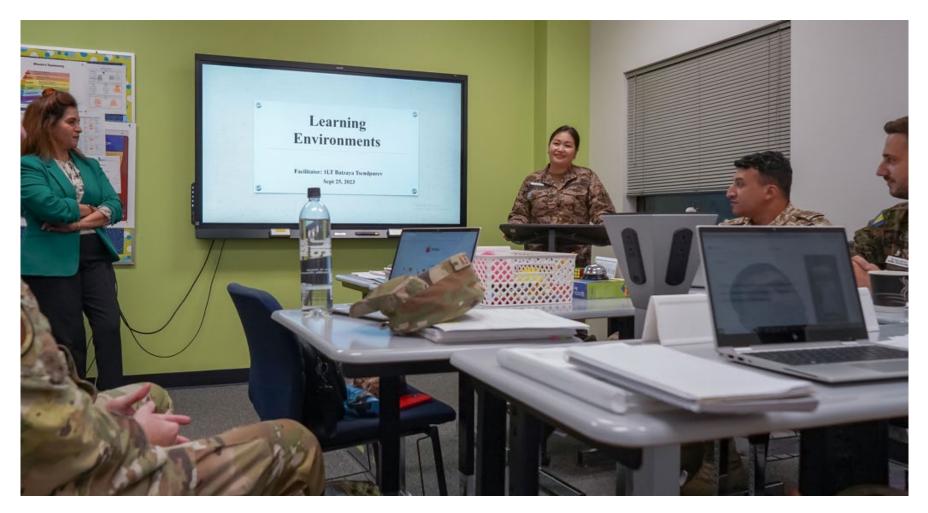






Future Innovation





Creating an optimal environment for language acquisition



Student Programming



Student-centered approach in training/career paths









--Training Global Security Partners---



Talent Procurement





- Skilled personnel with a commitment of readiness
- Equipped for effective work in real-world scenarios

- Linguistic proficiency
- Cultural competence
- Adaptability
- Awareness of Readiness Indicators





Talent Management



- Linguistically sound and strategically significant
- An integrated approach for LREC competencies





Leadership Advocacy



- Informing policy and influencing funding
- Agility to act in accord with geopolitical pivots





Why this matters



Geopolitical Shifts





Emerging Tech

Preserving Democracy





Managing Climate Change



Peace Keeping



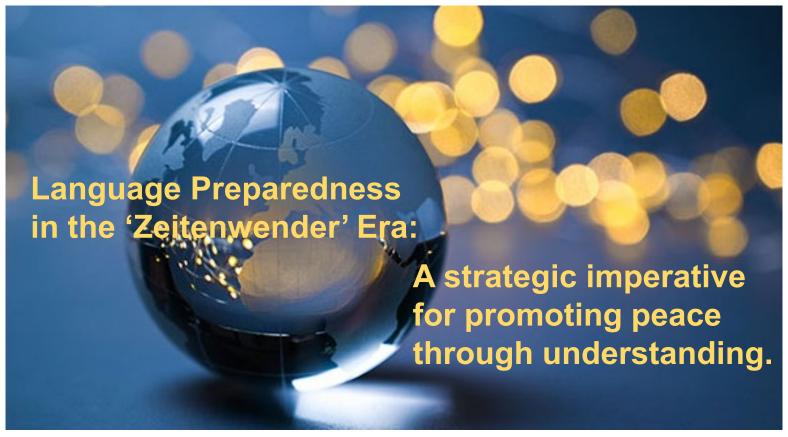
Pandemic Preparedness



A Strategic Imperative



- Preventing Conflict
- Sustaining Peace
- Prevailing in Great Power Competition



Modern methodologies / Student Programming / Leadership Advocacy