Language and Environment: Geography Shaping Language

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Language and culture not only exist in Euclidean space, but more importantly in social and perceived space, thus being subject to the environment of physical space but translating the spatial environment into expression and thought. This paper seeks to present an overview of the paradigms used by linguistic geography to explain the growth and expansion of language in terms of its geographies.