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"Decolonizing approaches to studying history and linguistic-cultural heritage. Methods, tools, results and challenges"



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Decolonizing the Study of Writing Systems

The history of studying world's writing systems has traditionally been based on evolutionary, teleological, and oversystematized models originating in the Western tradition of exploring Old World scripts. As a consequence, various early non-Western writing systems have been classified as pictographic, ideographic, or semasiographic scripts without a closer examination of the inner workings of each writing system. This presentation addresses the issues of writing system typologies with a special focus on Mesoamerican scripts. It also explores the relatively recent Indigenous agency regarding the study and use of native writing systems of the Americas.

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