Intersectionality draws upon the multiplicity, relationality, and complexity of identities in explaining how (in)equality, power, and (in)justice are formed in a particular context that faces the challenges and crisis of its time. In critical applied linguistics, intersectionality (e.g., Crenshaw, 1989, 1991) can be used as an analytic framework to understand intersecting forms of power in multicultural and multilingual contexts, as a reflexive approach for analyzing the complexity of an individual's experience, and "as a guiding structure for promoting new identities and new forms of democratic activities" among marginalized communities (Collins & Bilge, 2016, p. 43). One challenge of our time is increased global migration and displacements. Global migration and displacements not only change demographics but also significantly shape language access and use. This talk thus begins with an overview of 'intersectionality' and a discussion of global migration through an intersectionality lens. It then moves on to understanding intersectional identities in the context of global migration. The talk concludes with a critical intersectional agenda for applied linguists, as they continue to build a much-needed, critical, and vibrant scholarship through an intersectionality lens for a socially-just world.

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