So How Many Languages Are Hindi-Urdu Anyway?

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For almost two centuries, scholars have tried to clarify the relations between two language varieties commonly referred to as “Hindi” and “Urdu,” sometimes lumped together under the hyphenated rubric of “Hindi-Urdu.” This talk will describe the complex of historical, cultural, and political factors that have fed this debate and how these factors have been reflected in grammars, dictionaries, pedagogical materials, and linguistic studies. It will also explore the real-world consequences of these terminological issues, whether in second-language classrooms or in formulating language policies for modern nation states.

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