**SWCOLT 2022 Keynote**

***Empathy, Action Civics and Cross-Cultural Understanding for Social Justice in the World Language***

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Classroom Technology makes it easier than ever to connect students to the world. But how can we better harness these connections to empower learners to think and act beyond their classroom walls? ACTFL President-elect Akash Patel will share resources from the Happy World Foundation for standards-based interdisciplinary learning experiences that connect, engage and empower students as valued global citizens.

During the keynote, the speaker will model a live video call with one or two Happy World Inc. guests from another country and show teachers how they could turn the same video call into a lesson of empathy, action civics, global citizenship and social justice. The modeling of a lesson is key for teachers to realize that they, too, could apply and use this as a resource in their classroom as soon as they return from SWCOLT