

# Re: New pronunciation of Bangalore

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\* Mike Wright wrote:

Oliver Cromm wrote:

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Not knowing Turkish, I personally would have no idea how to say "Türkiye" if I saw it in an English text. (I could make a pretty good guess but it still wouldn't sound like English.)

Why do English-speaking people insist that the name of every place in the world has to sound like English?

For the same reason that Japanese-speaking people insist that every place in the world has to sound like Japanese and Chinese-speaking people insist that every place in the world has to sound like Chinese?

Yeah, probably. So, self-centeredness it is.

To clarify, I am sympathetic to the arguments "I can't pronounce it" and "If I pronounce it like that, I won't be understood" (which, together, cover a lot of ground), but much less to "I can pronounce it that way, and I will be understood, but I don't like it because it sounds foreign", which is what your argument sounded like.

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