

Exploring Language Management and Migration in Institutional Contexts

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Language rights stand among fundamental human values and are subject to major international legislation. Being migration a main issue in the 21st century, the question is: what are the links between language-rights principles and language-rights practice. The research goal is to explore language management phenomenon and its implementation by institutional stakeholders with regard to unscheduled migration in Spain. The point of departure is the hypothesis that different institutional actors have different visions, pursue different strategical goals, use different instruments and identify different challenges with regard to language management for mentioned audiences and contexts (migrants and refugees during the period 2016-2018). Research method include quantitative and qualitative approaches. Materials collection and selection was implemented via on-line search following the study by Aatabekova et al (2018). Research materials include documents of the national and local governments, and NGOs engaged in managing unscheduled migrants and asylum seekers. The keywords considered include terms related to language rights/ language policies/ language support /and immigrant languages. The period covered is between 2016-2018. Results confirms the hypothesis that the actors have different visions and identify different challenges with regard to language management. The analysis reveals that language management represents a comprehensive multifaceted on-going process and underlines the need for enhancing institutional actors' awareness of language issues significance. The study of the documents confirms the importance of language- not only as a human right- but also with regard to migration management on the whole (The Politics of International Migration Management, 2012) and reinforced the idea that language management should rest on the interaction among global, regional, and national language orders within the communities involved. Consequently, language management should include a systemic analysis of key actors, their activities contexts, stakeholders' strengths and weaknesses.

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