

# **Language rights and public service interpreting and translation: theories, methods, and practice**

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In this talk, I will provide an overview of different definitions of linguistic rights and methodologies that can be used when doing research on linguistic rights. I will argue that a focus on the interpreter's perspective has prevented translation and interpreting studies from adopting and developing sophisticated tools for the analysis of language rights. In addition, I will examine the links between language-rights principles and language-rights practice in public service interpreting and translation, as well as the connections and intersections between language rights and the issues of power, ethics, and ideology.