

ALS 2019 Main conference themed panels

Linguistic diversity in Australian migrant families

This panel aims to bring together research work on, for and with multilingual migrant families across a number of communities in Australia. The research showcased in this panel addresses a number of factors, including but not limited to, migrant families' varied linguistic trajectories, the domains in which their languages and literacies are used in their communities, and the various language learning strategies employed in the homes and in the communities to maintain heritage languages. Moreover, they seek to uncover the social, educational, economic and institutional factors that (de)motivate current (multi)lingual practices.

The research presented will come from a range of qualitative studies and interview-based research projects that aim to tease out language and literacy practices, and the ideologies that undergird them, in migrant families from diverse language backgrounds and ancestries.

The panel's motivation is to create a forum for understanding ongoing efforts, in multilingual migrant homes and communities, for language learning and heritage language maintenance.

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4. Liz Ellis (University of New England)
5. Yining Wang (Macquarie University)
6. Kerry Taylor-Leech (Griffith University)
7. Vera Williams-Tetteh (Macquarie University)
8. Van Tran (Charles Sturt University)
9. Loy Lising (Macquarie University)

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