

Title:

Language Planning and Policy: A Comparative Study of Catalonia and Taiwan

Resum:

I have recently begun my research as PhD student in the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. As an early stage researcher, this paper aims to present my research plan and the phase I am in now.

Many people compare Catalonia and Taiwan when they talk about nationalism. Both nations have struggled fighting for human and language rights. However, there is no further comparative study about other issues. In this research will talk more about the historical and sociolinguistic issues behind nationalism, focusing on Language policy and planning (LPP) and social change in Catalonia and Taiwan as two cases and a comparative study.

My main objective will be to find out how language plans and policies affect Taiwan and Catalonia, why Catalan has achieved reversing language shift (RLS) and why Taiwan has ended up with languages in decline, and what are the concerns and dangers of bilingualism in Catalonia and in Taiwan's Bilingual Nation plan.