

Ethnolinguistic vitality: Examples from Malaysia and Italy

The talk will introduce the concept of ethnolinguistic (or simply 'language') vitality with examples from the presenter's own research in Malaysia and Italy. After an introduction and overview on ethnolinguistic vitality, some background information about the linguistic repertoire of the two countries and the minority/regional languages employed as case studies, the talk will outline the two major parameters of ethnolinguistic vitality, i.e. the *Major Evaluative Factors of Language Vitality* and *EGIDS* (Extended Graded Intergenerational Disruption Scale), providing examples from the presenter's research on Italian regional languages ('dialects') with a focus on Lombard and Sicilian, and on Malaysian minority languages with a focus on Baba Malay.