

Sažetak

Drawing on examples from contemporary society, I would discuss the minority languages of Chinese communities in Malaysia within the broader contexts of political/socioeconomic/cultural changes. This talk aims to use language variation and language vitality as the analytical lens through which the changes in the linguistic and language use dimensions can be viewed from a social perspective. More importantly, I will discuss how regional identity plays a role in language variation; and how religious denomination takes place on language maintenance and language shift.