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Fields of interest: biography research, multilingualism (from an everyday-life perspective), institutional communication (utterances-cum-statements), face-to-face interpreting (as dialogic & bodily enacted interaction), language rights.

Research Methodology: participatory observation, qualitative interviews (especially biographical ones), discourse analysis and creative multi-modal & mixed-method approaches.

