

Linguistic Diversity, What for?

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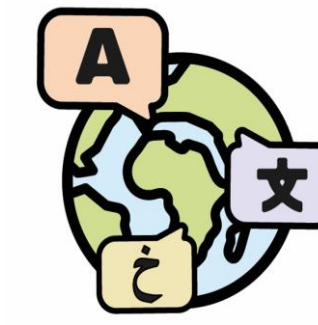
She studied Catalan and French Philology at the universities of Barcelona and Toulouse, and Language Policy at Stanford.

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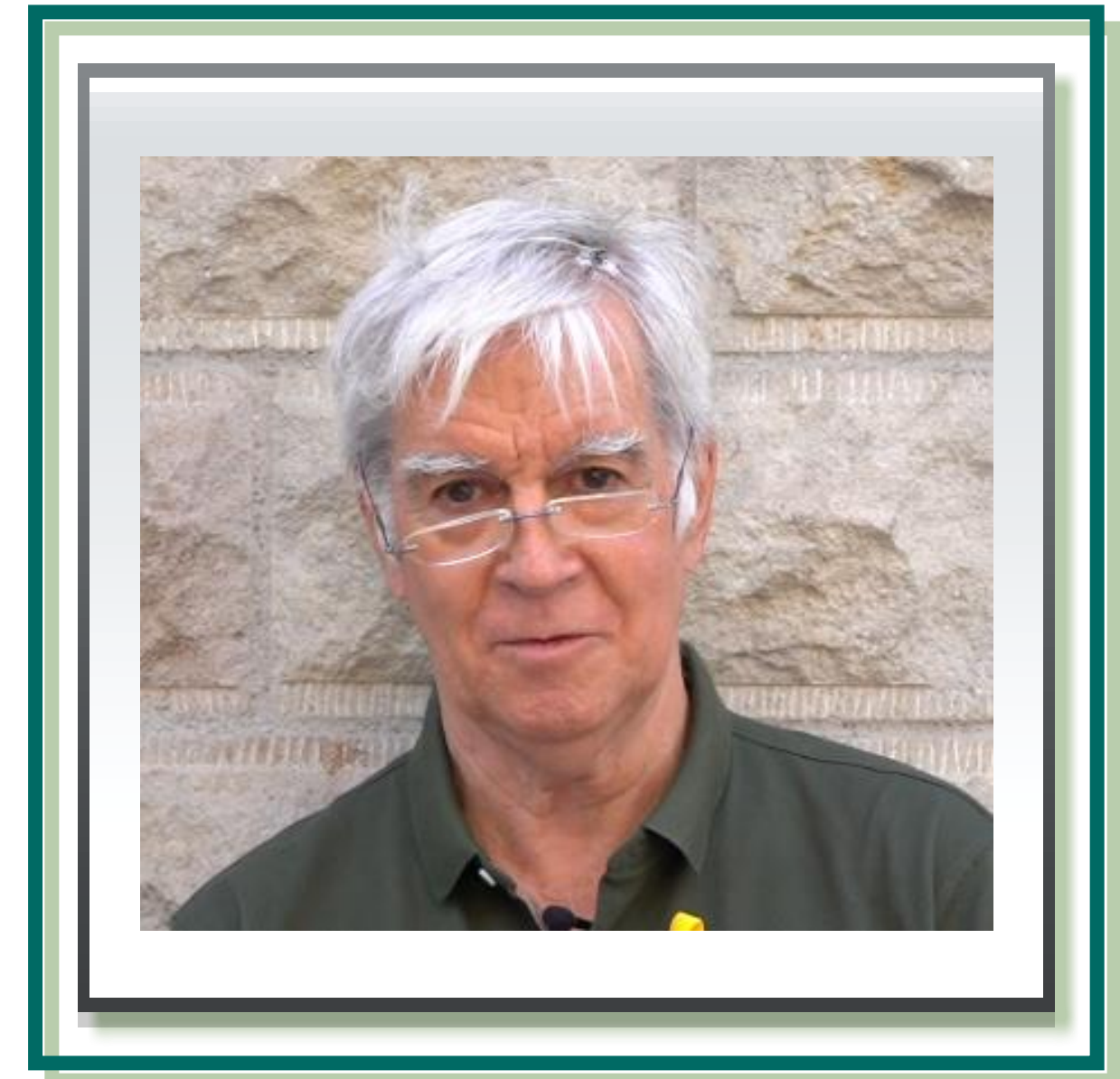
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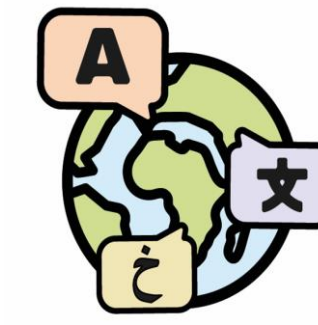
He worked mainly as a language planner in the field of promotion of Catalan for the Catalan Government, and as a professor and researcher at the Open University of Catalonia, as well as working on missions for the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and coordinating several reports for the European Parliament and the European Commission, on minority language communities in Europe, including the Euromosaic Report.

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Her main areas of research interest are: linguistic anthropology and cognitive semantics; multilingual cities and forms of local knowledge(s); the potential of the “art of language”, language(s)/communication against the backdrop of spiritual traditions/ anomalous experiences of communication.

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In 2017 she co-authored the report "Language Equality in the Digital Age" for the European Parliament and is frequently invited to discuss technology and preservation of linguistic diversity.



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Katjuscia Mattu is cultural project coordinator and teacher. She read Political and International Sciences in her homeland, Sardinia, and made her Erasmus stay at the Universitatea din București, Romania.

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Dr. de Varennnes is one of the world's leading experts on the international human rights of minorities. He has received accolades from Africa, Asia, and Europe, including the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, and the Tip O'Neill Peace Fellowship and the [2004 Linguapax International Award](#).



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