Tutorial Session #3 (Friday, October 9, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm)

Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages
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In many areas of the world, Indigenous languages are highly endangered. While there is an urgent need to document these languages, there are also important considerations in the how to approach the work that is respectful of the community’s needs and goals. Finding ways to acknowledge and incorporate these needs and goals into one’s project while balancing these with the goals of linguistic documentation and inquiry is a growing area of methodological concern in linguistics. This workshop will cover topics related to methods, practicalities, pitfalls and ethical issues that arise when doing fieldwork on Indigenous languages. The workshop will also be an opportunity for participants to share ideas and insights regarding their experiences and/or aspirations in documenting Indigenous languages.