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My research is situated in the research fields of Second Language Acquisition (SLA) and Multilingual Education and relates in particular to bi/ multilingual practices in second language learning pedagogy**.** It aims to investigate the potential role of translanguaging in second language acquisition from the viewpoints of both teachers and learners and to identify practical ways in which techniques and approaches associated with translanguaging, such as targeted codeswitching and related concepts, might be incorporated into a range of learning contexts where L2 language learning is a primary pedagogic focus.

My research focuses on the following educational contexts: language immersion settings such as CLIL (Content-Language Integrated Learning); settings which involve learners from a migrant background in mainstream schools; and various ELT (English language teaching) settings. I have chosen to follow a *PhD by Publication* format for the study.

**Research interests**: Language Teaching Methodologies; Second Language Acquisition; Bi/Multilingual education; Translanguaging; ELT; Teacher Development