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Nepali Migrant Workers' Use of Tamizh in Chennai: Insights into Adult Naturalistic Acquisition in a Multilingual Context

Abstract
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Usha Lakshmanan was born and raised in the city of Chennai (formerly Madras) in Tamil Nadu, Southern India, where she grew up speaking Tamil in a multilingual environment. She received her PhD in Linguistics from the University of Michigan in 1989 and is currently Professor of Psychology and Linguistics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Prior to moving to the United States, she completed advanced studies in Linguistics and Language Teaching at the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad and taught for several years at Stella Maris College (affiliated with the University of Madras). Her teaching and research expertise encompass the areas of psycholinguistics, first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, multilingualism, and language and cognition. In her research, which focuses on the relationship between psycholinguistic theory and language acquisition, she has addressed several aspects of grammatical development and language processing from a cross-linguistic perspective. Her research on Tamil Linguistics spans many years, with an emphasis on Tamil children's acquisition of morphology, syntax, and pragmatics. Her current research examines Tamil children's comprehension of recursive phrases, Tamil children's narratives, and the second language acquisition of spoken Tamil by adult Nepali and Hindi speaking migrant workers residing in Chennai.

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