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The influence of language policies on the status of the Minnan language in Taiwan and on Hainan Island – a report

The topic of my PhD dissertation is "The influence of language policies on the status of the Minnan language in Taiwan and on Hainan Island". In 2019 on Hainan Island, I conducted an *in situ* survey on 海南话 *Hǎinánhuà* (Hainanese) native speakers' perception of their own language.

In September, October and November 2022, I conducted an *in situ* survey on 台語 *Táiyǔ* (the Taiwanese language) native speakers' perception of their own language. I collected 500 questionnaires for the quantitative analysis. I collected 220 questionnaires in Hsinchu, where I am staying at the moment; 60 questionnaires in Taipei (October 1–3); 130 questionnaires in Kaohsiung (October 8–10); 50 questionnaires in Taichung (October 22–23); and 40 questionnaires in Tainan (October 29–30). I chose these places as I wanted to have a balanced numbers of respondents from three 台語 *Táiyǔ*-speaking regions in Taiwan: the north, the middle, and the south. The main places where I sought respondents were parks, shopping malls, food courts, and beaches. I collected many more questionnaires; however, even though I am very grateful for each and every respondent who gave their time to fill in the questionnaire, some of the questionnaires cannot be used for the analysis as the respondents do not fit the operational definition and are not 台語 *Táiyǔ* native speakers ("a person who uses 台語 *Táiyǔ* at least to communicate with their family members, especially the older generation, and/or declares that they could speak 台語 *Táiyǔ* before the age of seven"). At the moment, I am preparing a quantitative analysis which will be presented in my PhD thesis.