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Factors favouring code-switching in Wales:
an automatic analysis of the Siarad corpus

Abstract: This talk follows up Poplack’s (1980) groundbreaking results on the factors favouring code-switching. I report on the results of an automatic analysis of 67,515 clauses from a Welsh-English corpus (http://talkbank.org/data/BilingBank/Bangor) collected from 151 speakers. We aimed to determine whether proficiency in the two languages was as much a factor in our data as in Poplack’s, but also to identify the role of age, gender, the language of education, social network and attitudes to code-switching. We studied both intraclausal and interclausal code-switching, using a new automatic glossing mechanism to extract clauses and analysis by Rbrul relating social factors to the production of bilingual vs. monolingual clauses. Our results showed that both intraclausal and interclausal code-switching were more common in younger speakers, those with positive attitudes to code-switching and those who had acquired Welsh and English simultaneously.

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