



***From interaction analysis to policy change:
Putting sociolinguistic research at the centre of the
impact agenda***

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The translation of sociolinguistic research for policy is certainly not new in the discipline. Over the years sociolinguists have provided abundant evidence on how the systemic asymmetries of power, and systems of oppression work, to a large extent, in and through language. Attempts to intervene and change policy are common; the overall impact of the field however could (and should) be stronger. In this paper, I draw on completed and ongoing work in high risk, complex professional contexts and reflect on the conditions that are necessary for linguistic research to translate to policy and implementation. I offer a processual model while also discussing the socio-political and ideological conditions that enable and/or constrain policy change. In the current poly/crises context, taking stock and reflecting on the conditions that enable the discipline to inform policy and practice is paramount. I close the paper with implications and recommendations for future research.