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Dominance in bilingualism: concept, assessment, research, and theory



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Language dominance, an essential feature of bilingualism, is a core concern of a growing number of studies that seek a granular understanding of bilingualism. To give a sense of the significance of these efforts, and to suggest problematic issues and paths for future inquiry, this talk is organized along four intersecting axes: concept, assessment, research, and theory.

- Understanding dominance in bilingualism: foundational constructs and clarifications
- Assessing dominance: instruments and indices, and their interpretation
- Dominance as a predictive factor: classic and current research
- Theoretical perspectives on the dynamic character of bilingualism: dominance and attrition, permeability, and entropy

The presentation includes illustrative comparisons of research on bilingual dominance with studies on manual laterality (handedness).

