The field of Linguistic Landscape studies (LL) has been significant in shaping our understanding of language use and language visibility in multilingual societies. This research project aims to develop the field further by investigating the linguistic landscape in a diachronic analysis of the signage in public space. By looking at the changing linguistic landscape over time, I aim to demonstrate that transience is an element of the LL that must also be taken into consideration when analysing the public space in this way.

By using data collected in 2008 and 2013 of the same areas in the Galician city of A Coruña, this study investigates how the visibility of language changes over time in the same space. I analyse this data diachronically in the frame of the language policies of the time. Changing legislation is considered as I investigate if a change has occurred in the visibility of the minoritised language (Galician) vis-à-vis the dominant language (Castilian) in the linguistic landscape of the city in response to language policy. As the space is reinvented under changing language policies, so too are some of the linguistic elements of the public space. I interpret the implications and reasons for such changes in order to test the hypothesis that historical policies leave their mark on the linguistic landscape of a community, which is evident through a diachronic analysis of the linguistic landscape of an area.

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