INTERPRETING DECISIONS AND POWER

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- 1. What decisions do interpreters make that contribute positively or negatively to the power relationships within a legal interpreted interaction and what elements influence their decision-making?
- 2. How do very experience legal interpreters see the concept of power influencing their work?





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RESULTS



Preliminary Conclusions

Awareness of power dynamics supported by:

- Conceptualization of task
- · Sense of agency
- Continuous training
- Continuous conversation among colleagues

This framework: possible basis of training, supervision, and mentorship for interpreters working in legal specialization

Preliminary Conclusions

- Acknowledgement of power How it affects us and we affect it
- Building positive relationships supports effective interpreting and effective decisionmaking
- Factors to consider:
 - Individual/Internal
 - Individual or Group/External
 - · Society and Institutions





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