

From Roman Code-Switching and Greek Interpreters to the Language of the Gods in Homer

This talk will present research published by Prof. Nolan while an assistant professor at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at NTU. It will begin with Prof. Nolan's work on switching between Latin and Greek in the Letters of the Roman author Pliny the Younger, as well as the role played by interpreters in the works of ancient Greek historians including Herodotus and Xenophon. Afterwards, Prof. Nolan will also briefly discuss his ongoing research on the so-called "language of the gods" as presented in Homer.

From TESOL to educational linguistics: Exploring the intersections of language, education, and policy

In this talk, I share my personal and professional journey moving between two intersecting yet distinct worlds: TESOL and educational linguistics. I reflect on how these fields have shaped my intellectual development and continue to inform my work as a researcher and teacher educator. Specifically, I begin by presenting an overview of my research on English-medium instruction, language policy, and bi/multilingual education, highlighting the key questions and contexts that have guided my inquiries. I then discuss how this line of research has influenced the ways in which I prepare and mentor the next generation of language teachers. By engaging in a sustained theory–practice dialogue, the talk concludes with several emerging directions for future research, grounded in insights drawn from my ongoing teaching experience in DFLL.