LACUSL Speaker Series

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Agustín Panizo

Against Silence: Indigenous Languages and Linguistic Justice

Agustín Panizo is a Peruvian linguist, lexicographer, language policy expert, and professor in many universities in Peru and Bolivia. As the former Director of Indigenous Languages in Peru, he led several official initiatives to promote the indigenous languages and linguistic rights of its speakers. Panizo is also a member of the advisory board of Wikitongues, a global initiative for action on languages.

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Photo: Natalia Sangama Orbe, of the Chamikuro people. All throughout her life she contributed to the knowledge and diffusion of her first language, of which she was one of the last speakers and probably the most knowledgeable until her death in 2021 in Pampa Hermosa, Alto Amazonas. (from Contra el silencio. Lenguas originarias y justicia lingüística/Agustín Panizo. 1st ed. Lima: Ministerio de Cultura – Proyecto Especial Bicentenario de la Independencia del Perú, 2022)