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STAYING HUNGARIAN? LANGUAGE BIOGRAPHIES OF HUNGARIAN FAMILIES IN BRATISLAVA

The continuous decrease of Hungarian population in Slovakia in several censuses after 1989 inspires research on assimilation process and its cause. This paper, however, looks at the problem from opposite direction. What motivates individuals to stay Hungarian? By analysing language biographies of several families (consisting of individual interviews with representatives from three generations in each), the paper looks at attitudes to standard languages (Hungarian and Slovak), local varieties, multilingualism and other language issues of several generations of Bratislava's Hungarians. The paper is a part of wider dissertation research of current language situation and language politics in Bratislava.