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Armenian
language as
intangible
cultural heritage
of Artsakh

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Jasmine Dum-Tragut documents the frequent changes in the linguistic and language political conditions and multilingual setting in Karabakh that have influenced the use of Armenian as a spoken language, in dialect form or as a vernacular, as a written language in education and official use, and as a religious, liturgical language. In the last 30 years, the status, prestige and use of Armenian varieties in Karabakh has changed several times: from Soviet russification and a weakening of Armenian, to a consolidation of Armenian as a fully functional state language of the defacto Republic of Artsakh, to the uncertain, quite threatened and questionable status of Armenian under Azerbaijani linguistic and political rule since November 10, 2021.

Currently Dum-Tragut, who also works with and at the Language Institute named after Acharyan at the Armenian Academy of Sciences, is conducting research on "The Sociolinguistics of Armenian in Karabakh", which includes a qualitative assessment of the vitality of Armenian and issues of multilingualism in Karabakh.