THE LANGUAGE ECOLOGY CONTINUUM

And its concomitant traits

**Favourableness to L1 Maintenance**

1. SIZE/PRESTIGE GAP
2. LITERACY RATES
3. LITERACY TRANFERERENCE L2 TO L1
4. LITERACY DOMAIN
5. LITERACY/SHIFT CONNECTION
6. ELDERS’ CRITICISM/SHIFT CONNECTION
7. LANGUAGE/CULTURE CONNECTION
8. L2 IN HOME/SHIFT CONNECTION
9. MULTILINGUALISM/SHIFT CONNECTION
10. TARGET OF SHIFT
11. NATIONAL IDENTITY
12. DIGLOSSIA
13. GENETIC RELATIONSHIP L1/L2
14. COLONIAL HISTORY

Less favourable “AMERICAS” type

- wide
- low
- no
- L2 only
- accelerates shift
- accelerates shift
- strong
- accelerates shift
- accelerates shift
- single choice
- stronger
- weak
- unrelated
- settlement

More favourable “ASIA” type

- narrow
- high
- yes
- L2+
- does not accelerate shift
- does not accelerate shift
- weak
- does not accelerate shift
- does not accelerate shift
- multiple choices
- weaker
- strong
- related
- trade