

## Today's objectives:

- **Ethics in science**
- **The concept of “native speaker” in linguistics**

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*Background preparation:*

- *Abrahamsson & Hyltenstam (2009)*
- *Birkeland et al. (2024)*

# 0. Today's plan

- Ethics in science: General concerns
- Ethics in linguistics research
- Competing views on the concept of “native speaker” in linguistics
- WU #1: Overview and check for questions

# 1. Ethics in science: General concerns

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- Ethical issues in science include
  - Honesty in data reporting
  - Fair and humane treatment of animals and humans being studied
  - Avoiding influence of lobbyists and interest groups in planning, reporting research
  - Avoiding bias in the research questions chosen for study or the prior works cited in a paper

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  - Honesty in data reporting
    - Notorious example: [[Language Log](#)] [[Wikipedia](#)]
  - Bias in what/who to study
  - Bias in who to cite
- See also the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) website on [ethics in linguistics](#)

## 2. Ethics in linguistics research

- What are some kinds of ethical issues that can come up in linguistics research specifically?
  - Relationship between linguists, communities
    - [Rice \(2006\)](#) on history, best practices in fieldwork with indigenous communities
    - [LSA ethics committee](#) on how language research and documentation can differ from typical “human subjects research”
  - Where/who linguistic data comes from
    - See: “native speaker” perspectives

# 3. The concept of “native speaker” in linguistics

## Group discussion

- Break into groups by article and discuss:
  - What does the term “native speaker” mean to the authors of your paper?
  - What main point(s) is your paper making with respect to the concept of “native speaker”?
- Prepare to present (explain) these views to the other article group



## 3. The concept of “native speaker” in linguistics

### **Class discussion**

- Each article group: Present your discussion summary to the other group
- What are the implications of these two viewpoints for linguistics as scientific investigation?

## 4. Checking in: WU #1 and units 1–2

- Any **questions** on...
  - the assignment?
  - our class collaboration policy?
- Any concepts for **review** / more examples?
- Remember to check **feedback** on prep questions
  - All should be visible except today's (but let me know if not!)