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His main research interests include the pragmatics of cross-lingual communication (notably in a relevance theory framework), the theory and teaching of interpreting, and more generally, the relationship between cognition, culture and verbal communication. His published work (see attached list: most journal articles are now accessible on networks such as Academia, Kudos or Research Gate) covers cognitive, linguistic and cultural aspects of interpreting, and has notably explored ways of combining different methodologies to understand and model the interpreting process. Book-length publications (published by Benjamins) include a 1999 monograph on Simultaneous Interpretation and the comprehensive two-volume *Conference Interpreting: A Complete Course and Trainer's Guide*, co-authored with Andrew Dawrant (2016).