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## **CODE SWITCHING AND BILINGUALISM: ORIGIN OF THE FIELD OF LINGUISTIC RESEARCH**

### **Abstract**

The article presents a study of the theoretical foundation of code-switching (CS) as an independent field of linguistic research. The paper reviews key studies in language contacts and bilingualism, in particular, those of U. Weinreich, E. Haugen, G. Barker, L. Shcherba, H. Vogt, C. Ferguson, J. Fishman, S. M. Ervin-Tripp, J. Gumperz, J. P. Blom and E. Goffman. This paper focuses on the development of ideas and approaches that have formed the field of code-switching and defines such concepts as *code*, *code-switching*, *situational and situational switching*, *diglossia*, *footing*, *contextualization cue* etc. The author also highlights main social functions of language, describes bilingual speech behavior and types of bilingualism. It also determines the role of structuralism in the early studies of CS and the contribution of J. Gumperz to the sociolinguistic approach to CS, particularly his research into social settings and types of switching. In conclusion the author presents key theories in modern approaches to CS and emphasizes promising areas for further CS research.

**Keywords:** code-switching, language contacts, bilingualism, contextualization cue, footing, diglossia.

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