



THE WORLD'S 7,000+ LANGUAGES ARE IN DRASTIC DECLINE,

and most are predicted to vanish before they will be recorded or documented. This talk demonstrates how language extinction leads to intellectual impoverishment in all fields of science and culture. Concerted efforts to sustain, value and revitalize our linguistic diversity are now underway in indigenous communities worldwide, and may help to reverse the process. Audio and video recordings from endangered language communities around the world help to illustrate this trend.

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