

CV Frans Hinskens – February 20, 2017

Present positions

- Distinguished senior research fellow, Department of Variation Linguistics, Meertens Instituut, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam
- Professor of Language Variation and change, Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Humanities, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Areas of interest

Language variation, language contact and language change. With special attention to processes of sound change and to ethnolectal variation - from the perspectives of historical linguistics, dialectology, sociolinguistics, creole linguistics and phonological theory

Working experience

1983 - 1985

Civil service, Dept of General Linguistics and Dialectology, University of Nijmegen.
Teaching and research

1985 - 1990

Researcher, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Dept of General Linguistics and Dialectology, University of Nijmegen.

1990 - 1991

Lecturer of linguistics, Dept of General Linguistics, University of Amsterdam (UvA).

1991 - 1992

Junior researcher, University of Nijmegen.

1993

Postdoc researcher, Niels Stensen Foundation (Niels Stensen Stichting). One-year travel grant.

1994

Postdoc researcher, National PhD Program (LOT) and Center for Language Studies (CLS), University of Nijmegen.

1994 - 1997

Postdoc researcher, Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences, University of Nijmegen.

May 1994

With Dr. R. van Bezooijen (U of Nijmegen).

Development and teaching of a PhD course: 'Introduction to sociolinguistics' for the regional (Nijmegen and Tilburg universities) PhD program (CLS).

June 1995

With Prof. Dr. R. van Hout (U of Tilburg).

Development and teaching of a PhD course: 'Recent developments in sociolinguistics' for the national PhD program in linguistics (LOT / IFOTT).

September 1995

With Prof. Dr. R. van Hout (U of Tilburg).

Organisation of International Workshop on Language Variation and Linguistic Theory, which took place at the University of Nijmegen.

1995 - 1998

With Prof. Dr. P. Auer (at the time University of Hamburg, at present University of Freiburg i. Br., Germany) founder and chairman of an international research network on "Social

dialectology. The convergence and divergence of dialects in a changing Europe". In this network, which was financed by the European Science Foundation, eleven European states were officially represented.

1996 - 1997

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio). Teaching and PhD supervising.

1997 - April 1999

Postdoc researcher, University of Nijmegen.

November 1998

With Prof. Dr. P. Auer (University of Freiburg i. Br.) and Prof. Dr. W.U. Dressler (University of Vienna).

Development and teaching of a PhD course: 'Language variation, language change and linguistic theory' for an international summerschool for PhD/students, which was organised at the U of Málaga by the aforementioned ESF international research network, in particular by Prof. Dr. J. Villena Ponsoda

1998

With Dr. P. Kerswill (Reading, UK), Prof. Dr. I.L. Pedersen (Kopenhagen), Prof. Dr. M. Turell Julià (Barcelona), Prof. Dr. J. Villena Ponsoda (Málaga)

Founder and member of the international scientific comité of the International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (*ICLaVE*).

April 1999 - October 2002

Full professor of Dutch

Abteilung Niederlandistik, Institut für Germanistik, Philologische Fakultät, University of Leipzig (Germany).

2000

With Dr. H. den Besten (U of Amsterdam), Dr. H. Ester (U's of Amsterdam, Nijmegen) and Dr. J. Koch (U's of Wrocław, Poznan)

Organisation of the European Workshop Afrikaans Extra Muros, the first edition of which took place at the University of Leipzig in September 2000.

April 2002

Kristiansand, Noorwegen

Development and teaching of a PhD course on 'The relationship between language system and language use' for PhD-students, organised by the universities of Kristiansand, Oslo and Bergen (Norway).

October 2002 - present

Distinguished senior research fellow

Linguistics Dept, Meertens Instituut, Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam.

June 2003

With Dr. Sj. Barbiërs (Meertens Instituut).

Development and teaching of a PhD course: 'Language variation and formal linguistic theory' at Universiteit Tilburg, for LOT, the Dutch national PhD programme for linguistics.

September 2003 - present

Professor of Language Variation and change, Faculty of Arts, VU University, Amsterdam.

June 2005

Main organiser of the third edition of the International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (*ICLaVE 3*), June 2005, Amsterdam.

Spring 2006

With Prof. Dr. P. Auer (University of Freiburg i. Br.) and Prof. Dr. P. Kerswill (University of Lancaster, UK)

Founder and editor of Benjamins book series 'Studies in Language Variation' (*SiLV*).

Summer and fall 2007

Member of the jury for the Price for the best PhD-thesis in linguistics, awarded by LOT, the Dutch national PhD programme for linguistics

2006-2008

With Dr. Harm Nijboer (at the time: Meertens Instituut): preparing the transition of written questionnaires to a digital, web-based system of crowd-sourcing for variationist linguistic and ethnological research & digitizing over seven decades of hand-written questionnaires

Summer 2010

Development and teaching of a PhD course: 'Ethnolects: Backgrounds, settings, design and significance.' University of Hamburg, Germany

January 2013

Development and teaching of a PhD course: 'Some recent trends in the sociolinguistic study of language variation and change', Universiteit Leiden, for LOT, the Dutch national PhD programme for linguistics.

January 2014

With KNAW Visiting Professor Gregory Guy PhD (New York University), organization of an international workshop on 'International workshop on Dialect Coherence Are language varieties coherent?', Meertens Instituut, Amsterdam

2015-2016

With Rosemary Orr, Borja Martinovic (both U Utrecht), David van Leeuwen, Stefan Grondelaers (both Radboud U, Nijmegen), Arjan van Hessen (U Twente), Dirk de Bekker, Sander Nieuwenhuijsen (NTR, Dutch national public TV) Organisation and design of the crowd-sourcing project 'Sprekend Nederland'

PhD-students

Past:

- Daria Dynowska (Universität Leipzig, G.) - Contrastive morphological analyses of corpora of Dutch, German and Polish newspaper articles - Defense (magna cum laude) 28. October 2002
- Kathy Rys (Universiteit Gent, B.) - Phonological aspects of the acquisition of a second dialect - Prof. Dr. Johan Taeldeman, Prof. Dr. Steven Gillis and Prof. Dr. Marc van Oostendorp were the other supervisors - Defense 9. May 2007
- Mathilde Jansen (Meertens Instituut / VU University, Amsterdam) - Language and identity on the Waddenzee Isles - Prof. Dr. Marc van Oostendorp was the other supervisor - Defense 28. April 2011- Defense 8. April 2010
- Matt Coler-Thayer (VU University, Amsterdam) - A synchronic study of Aymara morphophonology, its dialectal variation, and a search for its historical origin - Prof. Dr. Leo Wetzels and Prof. Dr. Willem Adelaar were the other supervisors - Defense 18. December 2010
- Sandra Döring (Universität Leipzig, G.) - Prosodic and grammatical aspects of parentheticals - Prof. Dr. Günther Öhlschläger was the other supervisor - Defense 28. April 2011
- Linda van Meel (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen) - Phonological aspects of Turkish and Moroccan ethnolects of Dutch - Prof. Dr. Roeland van Hout was the other supervisor - Defense 15. March 2015

Present:

- Etske Ooijsaar (Meertens Instituut) – Articulatory and acoustic properties of the realization of post-vocalic liquids in a group of Hollandic dialects of Dutch - Prof. Dr. Marc van Oostendorp and Prof. Dr. Ben Hermans are the other supervisors
- Paula Mendes Costa (Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazilië) – Variation and prosody of Kithaulhu (a language of the southern Nambikwara group). Prof. Dr. Leo Wetzels and Prof. Dr. Stella Telles (UFPE) are the other supervisors

Education

1993

PhD (cum laude), University of Nijmegen.

Dissertation: 'Dialect levelling in Limburg. Structural and sociolinguistic aspects'. Supervisors: Prof. A.M. Hagen (Department of General Linguistics and Dialectology, University of Nijmegen), Prof. P.C. Muysken (Department of General Linguistics, University of Amsterdam), Dr. R.W.N.M. van Hout (Research Group on Language and Minorities, University of Tilburg).

1983

MA (cum laude) in General Linguistics, with minors in Mass Communication and Educational Sciences, University of Amsterdam.

Thesis: 'Neutraliteitsstrategieën. Een verkennende studie' ('Strategies of neutrality. An explorative study'). Supervisors: Prof. P.C. Muysken and Dr. N.S. Smith (Department of General Linguistics, University of Amsterdam).

1979

BA and Teaching certificate in Dutch Linguistics and Literature. University of Utrecht

Professional affiliations and memberships

Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft

Internationale Gesellschaft für die Dialektologie des Deutschen

Internationale Vereniging voor Neerlandistiek

Linguistic Society of America

Maatschappij der Nederlandse Letterkunde

Societas Linguistica Europaea

Society for Caribbean Linguistics

Vereniging voor Dialectwetenschap

corresponding member of the Onderzoekscentrum voor Meertaligheid (Research Centre on Multilingualism) of the Catholic University of Brussels

Manuscript reviews for a.o.

Acta Linguistica Hafniensia

Diachronica

Folia Linguistica

International Journal of the Sociology of Language

Journal of Germanic Linguistics

Journal of Linguistic Geography

Journal of Linguistics

Language Dynamics and Change

Language in Society
Language Variation and Change
Linguistics
Linguistics in the Netherlands
Nederlandse Taalkunde
neerlandistiek.nl
Taal en Tongval
Tijdschrift voor Nederlandse Taal- en Letterkunde
Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik

Editorial activities

Diachronica (journal) - member editorial board
Handelingen van de Koninklijke Zuid-Nederlandse Maatschappij voor Nederlandse Taal- en Letterkunde en Geschiedenis (journal) - member editorial board
neerlandistiek.nl (journal) - member editorial board
Taal en tongval (journal) - member editorial board
Tijdschrift voor Nederlandse Taal- en Letterkunde (journal) - linguistics editor 2004-2009
Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik (journal) - member editorial board
Benjamins book series Studies in Language Variation (SiLV) - founder and editor (with P. Auer and P. Kerswill)

Reviews and evaluations of grant proposals for

Agence National de la Recherche (France)
Canada Council for the Arts
Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft (DFG / Germany)
Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (Austria)
Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO / Flanders, Belgium)
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
Nederlandse Organisatie voor Zuiver Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (ZWO) / Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF / Switzerland)

Member of or adviser for *search committees / appointment committees* at the universities of
Bloomington, Indiana, USA
Burnaby / Vancouver, Canada
Freiburg i.Br., G
Leipzig, G
Lancaster, UK
Nicosia, Cyprus
Oldenburg, G

More

- in the Meertens Instituut annual reports, online via <http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/jaarverslag/>
- at the website of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

<http://www.fgw.vu.nl/nl/over-de-faculteit/medewerkers/medewerkers-f-h/prof-dr-f-l-m-p-hinskens/index.aspx> and
<http://www.vu-tlc.nl/onderzoeksgroepen/algemene-taalwetenschap/prof-dr-frans-hinskens/>