

The Language Situation in the Low Countries

Lecture 8. Dutch dialects | Frisian

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Last week

- ▶ Dutch orthography
- ▶ Purism and school grammar

Aims for today

- ▶ organisational matters
 - ▶ exam
- ▶ Dutch dialects
 - ▶ linguistic characteristics
 - ▶ sociolinguistic factors
- ▶ Frisian
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 - ▶ sociolinguistic factors

Organisational matters: exam

- ▶ **19th May**, regular time slot and location
- ▶ open book, open questions

Dutch dialects: introduction

- ▶ dialects of the Netherlands
 - ▶ Dutch Low Saxon
 - ▶ Groningen, Drenthe, Overijssel, Twente
 - ▶ Hollandic
 - ▶ Low Franconian
 - ▶ Limburg
- ▶ dialects of Flanders
 - ▶ Brabantic
 - ▶ Flemish

Dutch Low Saxon



Figure 1: Dutch Low Saxon

Dutch Low Saxon

- ▶ low prestige compared to Standard Dutch
- ▶ attempts to revive interest

DynaSAND

<http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/sand/zoeken/index.php>

- ▶ The Dynamic Syntactic Atlas of the Dutch dialects (DynaSAND) is an on-line tool for dialect syntax research.
- ▶ DynaSAND consists of
 - ▶ a database
 - ▶ a search engine
 - ▶ a cartographic component
 - ▶ a bibliography

Dutch dialects in Belgium

- ▶ proper regional dialects
- ▶ *tussentaal* (in-between language)
- ▶ Standard Dutch

Useful links

here's a link to useful links on Dutch dialects:

https:

//nestor.rug.nl/bbcswebdav/pid-7101039-dt-content-rid-6394193_2/
courses/LBU001B05.2014-2015.1/websites%20class%209.pdf

Frisian

- ▶ second state language with official status in Friesland since 1950
- ▶ official language of Friesland/Fryslân
- ▶ protected under the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages