



MultiLing across the years

Unn Røyneland

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Outline



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MultiLing 2013

- Planting the MultiLing tree
- Opening conference



MULTILING'S GOAL AND VISION



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Research-based knowledge on multilingualism in the individual and in society – with a lifespan perspective.

To contribute to how society can deal with the challenges of multilingualism through increased knowledge, promoting agency for individuals in society, and a better quality of life, no matter what linguistic and social background.



MultiLing people 2013-2023

126 total number of employees over the years

- 25 Core group members
 - 6 Research professors (Prof II)
- 6 Administrative staff
- 29 PhD fellows
- 32 Postdoctoral fellows
- 17 Researchers
- 16 Research assistants
- 1 scholar at risk

MultiLing Leadership

Elizabeth Lanza (Director 2013-2021)

Unn Røynealand (Deputy/Director 2015-2024)

Bente Ailin Svendsen (Deputy 2013-2015)

Ingebjørg Tonne (Deputy 2021-2024)

Mari C. R. Otnes (Head of Admin 2013-2021)

Anne Charlotte Lindblom (Head of Admin 2021-2024)

ELT – Extended leadership group

Haley De Korne, Natalia Kartushina and Oliwia Szymanska



MultiLing people



PhD Fellows

- 14 Academic positions (permanent and postdoc): Denmark, the Netherlands, Austria, Luxembourg, UK, Norway (HINN , UiA, UiS, OsloMet, UiT, NTNU, Høgskolen på Vestlandet, Høgskolen i Østfold, NHH)
- 4 Public sector: Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden

Postdocs

- 23 Academic positions (mostly permanent): France, Finland, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Germany, Switzerland, Portugal, Australia, Netherlands, Ireland, Norway (HINN, UiT, NTNU, USN, UiO, UiS)
- 1 Private sector

Research Assistants

- 8 Doctoral fellowship/researcher (OsloMet, UiO, HINN)
- 5 University administration (UiO)
- 3 Private Sector/Media



The MultiLing Community



Samlokalisering!

Multilingualism Research Forum

Bottom-up initiatives:

Language cafe

Multi Dance

Knitting Circle

Virtual Breakroom

Hiking, skiing and skating, ice bathing

Social events (karaoka, concerts, impro theatre etc.)



Research output

Publications

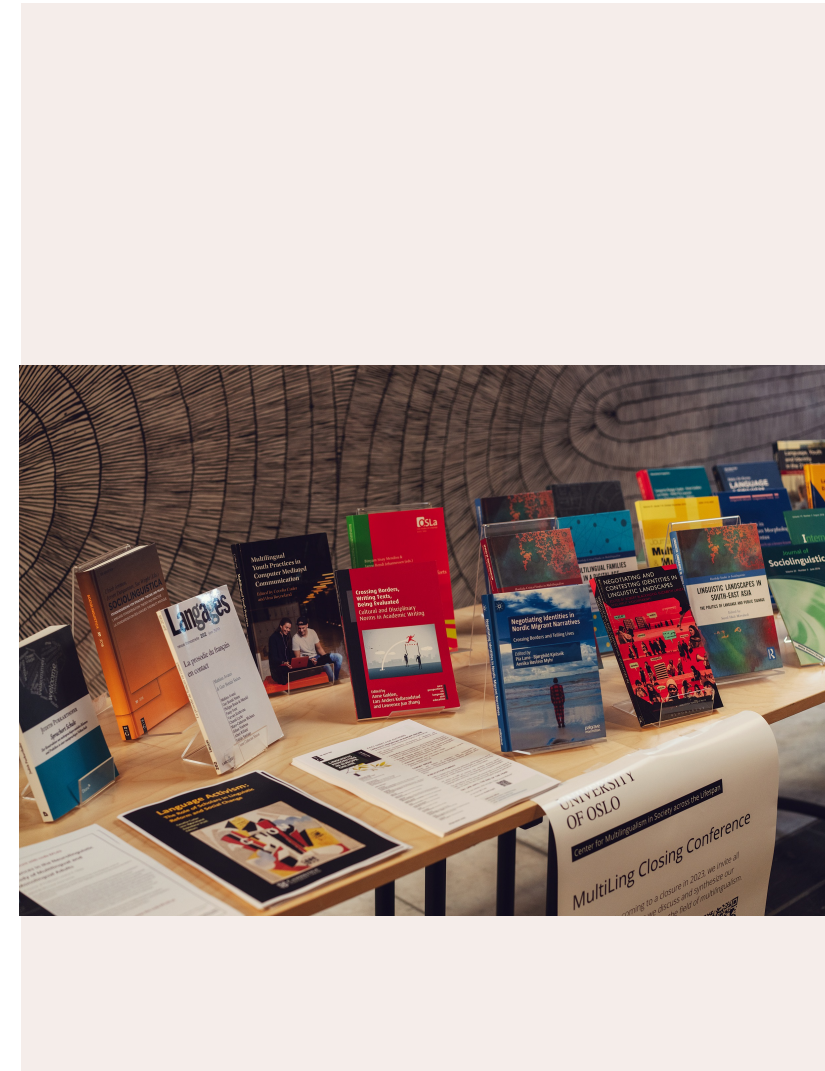
- 40 books, edited volumes, and special issues
- 613 research articles in high quality journals (413) and volumes (231)
- *Linguistic Minorities in Europe*, multimodal online publication, De Gruyter and MultiLing

Presentations

- 1332 conference presentations
- 239 keynotes and invited guest lectures in more than 40 countries across the world

MultiLing in the media

- More than 1000 newspaper articles, radio/tv interviews etc.

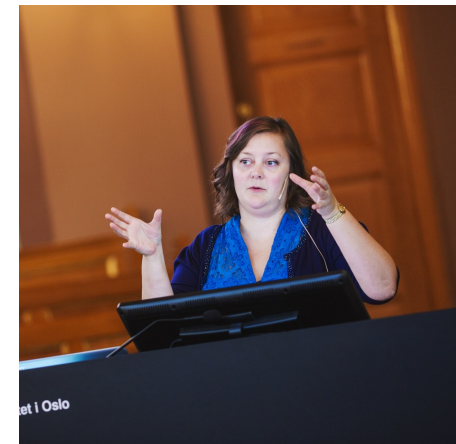


Research output

- 20 doctoral dissertations
- 6 dissertations about to be submitted
- 4 dissertations in the pipeline



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Additional external funding

Approx. 150 mill NOK in addition to the CoE funding

- UiO with direct funding from the Norwegian Parliament: «World leading research funding» (2015-2020) (31 mill NOK)
- 8 Research Council of Norway (RCN) projects (FRIPRO/FINNUT): *Standards, MultiFam, MultiLing Demens, Machine Learning Aphasia, NorPol, BabyLearn, AttCom, SPEAKERS* (approx. 90 mill NOK)
- 4 projects with substantial MultiLing involvement (funded by RCN, Norway grants, NordForsk): *MultiLit, GenVac, PolkaNorski, TEFLON*
- UiO: EyeHub (2022-2026)



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Additional external funding cont.

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- EU: 6 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, postdoctoral fellowships (from Australia, USA, Peru, Portugal, India)
- INTPART 1.0 (2016-2018) and 2.0 (2019-2021) with South Africa and USA
- Erasmus+Global (2023-2026) (with Oaxaca, México)
- NORHED Linguistic capacity building in Ethiopia (2014-2018)
- 3 NOS-HS project grants, funded by NordForsk, strong Scandinavian research networks



HIGHLIGHTS

- 11 Einar Haugen Annual Lectures
- 10 Mother Language Day events
- 15 major conferences, 212 in-house workshops, seminars and guest lectures
- 32 PhD research training courses
- 53 long term visiting scholars



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HIGHLIGHTS

4 workshops funded through the Faculty of Humanities' Equality and Diversity scheme

- *Women & Leadership 1.0 and 2.0* (2018 and 2019)
- *Intersectional experiences in the Academia* (2022)
- *How do we talk about race in Norwegian Academia today* (2023)



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HIGHLIGHTS

Doctor Honoris Causa

Professor Dr. Ellen Bialystok, York University, Toronto, Canada (2017)

Professor Dr. Hirut Woldemariam, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia (2022)



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The Socio-Cognitive Laboratory,

Franziska Köder, Lab manager

18 active lab projects,
2022: 1400 hours of
lab use and 400
participants, **2023:**
2230 hours in the lab



- **New methods:** EEG, eye-tracking, pupillometry, behavioral tests, cognitive and linguistic assessment, interviews, focus groups, etc.
Participants: from 5 months-old infants to elderly people
- **Eye Hub (2022-2024):** UiO-wide network for eye-tracking and pupillometry, members: 78 from different faculties and departments
- **HumanLab** – plans for a new joint lab with RITMO (CoE)





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- The MA program video available here:
<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/multilingualism-master/index.html>



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MULTI MA program

- Launch August 2022, coordinated by Haley de Korne
 - 2022: 21 students from 19 different countries
 - 2023: 20 students
 - Erasmus + Global with México



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International collaboration

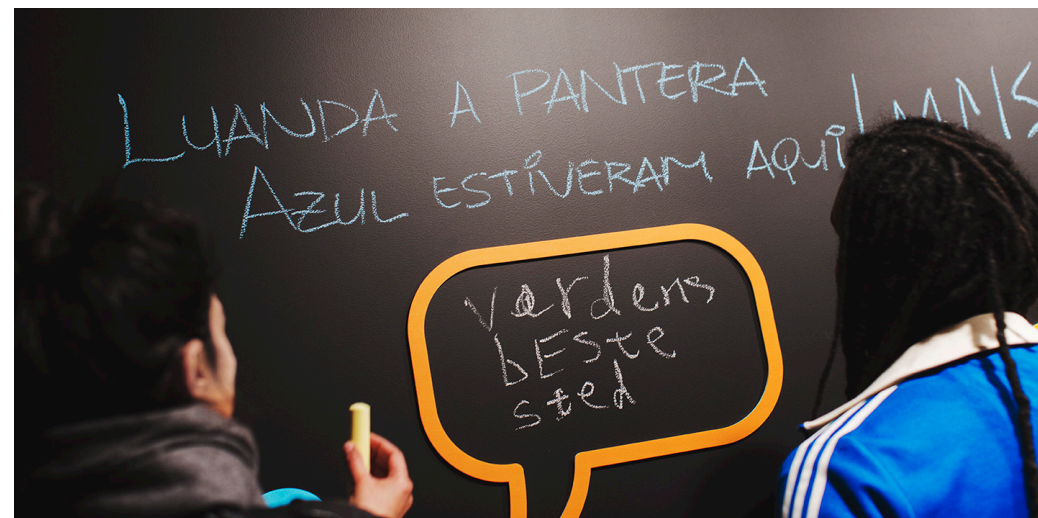
- Scientific Advisory Board (17 members across the years)
- 4 World-leading research Professors – leading flagship projects
- INTPART x 2 with South Africa and USA
- NORHED with Ethiopia
- Erasmus + Global with México
- University Center of Norway in Paris , Program Aurora 2017



Public Outreach

Language Exhibition – May 2016 to end 2017

Led by Bente Ailin Svendsen



Commissions and societal impact

Pia Lane was appointed to *Norway's Truth and Reconciliation Commission* to investigate injustices against the Sámi and Kven populations in Norway. The report was submitted to the Norwegian Parliament in June 2023.



Photo: Hanna Johre, NTB



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Legacy

- **MULTI:** Multilingualism established as a new area at the Department with 8 permanent staff
 - 4 *new* permanent academic positions, 2 moved to MULTI, 2 new lab positions (lab manager and lab engineer)
- The international MA program in multilingualism
- The Socio-Cognitive lab → HumanLab
- New projects: *SPEAKERS*, *Godt språk* (2023-2024)
- Plans: Continue MRF, and Language and Cognition Forum LCF, the Einar Haugen Annual Lecture and The Mother Language Day
- Apply for external funding (RCN, EU ++)





Phasing into the Department

