Investigating language and identity in the (Franco-)Belgian borderland: The untold story

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Europe, August 2014
eurologics across Europe

Nowadays are we mobile?
Thinking about mobility & need for much measure & control. Indians have been used.

The SouthWest, April 2015
Upcycling & reparking & saving the girls

From France, Sept 2014
Parents’ summer holiday

Preparing for first visit to the research site. Setting out the practical stuff like transport & lodgings, & research stuff like networks to engage in, maybe.

The Southwest, August 2014
Uncapping & repacking

Lunch, PhD paid. Drawing on my expertise in languages to research brevity on forensic linguistic & phonetics for NP’s & Peers.

London, Feb 2016
Visiting Venice

Anlaying vokals. Looking for norms on word list data: how do mid vowels behave in the Belgian borderland? Are they really merging?

Tourinnes, March 2016
Visiting friends

Visiting people from networks I participated in during my PhD. They become friends. I could quite a few of them for my research.

Montpellier, France, Dec 2013
Visiting Huyro

Tuning my ear in to French again. Can hear the softness. Revisiting key concepts in dialectology & sociolinguistics.

Glascowshire, June 2013
Visiting the family

Reading about place & space & how spatial identity may be particularly pertinent in a borderland, it may be marked in language.

Derbyshire, July 2013
Visiting Karen

Thinking about demographics I want to gather: sex, age, profession, studies, birthplace, places lived, parents & partner’s origin & profession.

London, Summer 2013
Visiting Rosamond, Karen & Michiel

Reading up methods for capturing attitudes & beliefs about language. Will request informants annotate a map & rate accents in places.

York, Jan 2014
MA graduation & visiting Tim

Recalling MA studies, notably how complex the links & identity might interact. Also, are mid vowels really merging?

Oxford, Jan 2014
Visiting Rob, Laura & Simon

Thinking about the Belgian borderland & how language & identity merge. Also, are mid vowels really merging?

Paris, France, April 2014
ALCDES conference

Presenting my MA research on language & the media. Visiting them reviewing? Visiting & listening, a museum & language.

Kiel, Germany, August 2014
Geolinguistics summer school

Saw introduced to the idea of the border as a ‘balkanisation’, disrupting the linguistic continuum. Sundae. Wondering if it’s the case for the Franco-Belgian border.

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London, Summer 2013
Visiting the family

Composing my PhD. Reading about Belgian French accents. Behaviour of vowels seem distinct from that in France.

Glascowshire, Jan 2014
New Year with the family

...mid vowels (/ʊ/ & /u/ & /ɛ/ & /e/ & /a/ & /a/ & /ã/ & /ã/) remain in Belgium, through merging in France & maybe the Belgian borderland.

London, Summer 2013
Interview at Parliamentary Office of Science & Technology

Explaining my study to experts with an example: scottish people who feel strongly Scottish sound more Scottish.

London, Summer 2013
Nicky & Józef’s engagement party

Thinking about methods. Viz. I’ll collect linguistic & non-linguistic data in the borderland city of Tourinnes & region of Tourinnes.

Cornwall, April 2014
Easter with the family

Made a mixed media piece visualizing factors that shape linguistic behaviour, language attitudes & perceptions in the Belgian borderland.

Brighton, Summer 2015
Wrapping up

Haven’t done. Otherwise, writing about applications of forensic language analysis in the UK.

London, Summer 2013
Visiting Karen

Writing up first draft & visiting with family, friends & work colleagues.

Tourinnes, March 2016
Visiting Ahmed

Data’s looking exciting! Some people are merging some mid vowels like in France, yet in some contexts they are maintaining.

London, March 2016
Visiting Kit, Emma, Minnie & Lulu

...traditional Belgian realizations. But why? Next step is look at demographic, attitudinal & perceptual data to try to understand.

Eupen

Ours is a system that values theories, articles & books: it values research outputs. It is a system that looks for the impact of research. But outputs aren’t the whole story: they’re the last stages of a journey. I’ve no ‘outputs’ yet & I’ve technically had no impact. So does this mean that none of the above is of any value?

Louvain-la-Neuve, May 2016
TEDxLouvain conference

Presenting the Identity Cloud Method. I created this technique to visualize identity whilst thinking about my methods.

London, Nov 2015
On your TEDxU trip

Dreamt up & co-organised a student teaching two Tourinnes UG football teams English. Ended with this trip to Everest!