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Background



- PhD in Psychology (TU Berlin)
- Habilitation (University of Berne)
- Since 2006 professor at NTNU (Trondheim)



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- ... social psychologist,
 - ... how an **individual**'s thoughts, feelings, and actions are affected by the actual, imagined, or symbolically represented presence of other people (as defined by Gordon W. Allport)
- focusing on how language affects social perception,
- having mainly worked **experimentally**
- on the comprehension of **role nouns** in French, German and **Norwegian** (for the past 20 years);
- currently started research on new Norwegian pronoun “hen” in collaboration with Sofie DeCock (PI), Sarah van Hoof and Pascal Gygax

Norwegian

- North Germanic language, total of 5.3 million speakers
- Two written versions - Bokmål (> 80%) / Nynorsk
- [in addition: Sami and Kven languages]
- Three gender system (masculine, feminine, neuter)
- Grammatical gender system eroding in bokmål (feminine and masculine form a common gender class)

Aims

- To use the knowledge of various **disciplines** through interdisciplinary collaboration,
- To promote awareness of **linguistic and cultural diversity** within which people strive to develop a gender fair/inclusive language (cross-linguistic/cross-cultural collaboration), and
- To contribute to making this knowledge and experience **accessible** (and thus applicable).