



## Einladung der Niederlandistik

zu einem Gastvortrag von

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### **r, vrouwen en kakers** The rise of approximant r in Dutch

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Aktuelle Themen der Niederlandistik

The rise of approximant r (*Gooise r*, [ɹ]) is one of the most vigorous sound changes in contemporary Dutch. At the end of the 1930's it was observed for the first time that r was "mutilated" to a j-like sound in coda position (e.g., *daar* -> [da.ɹ], *woord* -> [vɔ.o.ɹt]). Around 1990 a breakthrough took place with young women and *kakers* (*stock-up*, *pompous person*) in the lead. The new variant often elicited negative reactions. Nevertheless, this new variant has been spreading rapidly over the rest of the Netherlands in the last decades. We will discuss the origin of the *Gooise r* (some claim it is due to language contact with American English), and how and by whom it was spread in the light of both social and linguistic/phonetic factors. We will also discuss the future of this r-sound and try to predict language change: will it spread to onset position (*rood* -> [ɹo.t]), will Flemish speakers start to use it and will it spread to Frisian?

Der Gastvortrag findet auf **Englisch** statt. Dozierende, Studierende und weitere Interessierte sind zu diesem Gastvortrag herzlich eingeladen.

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