## Unity and Diversity in West Germanic and the Emergence of English, German, Frisian and Dutch

**An international symposium organized by the   
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co-sponsored by Hartvigson-Dienhart-fonden to be held at the   
University of Southern Denmark (Odense) on 25-26 August 2011.   
Place of venue: Lecture Hall No. O 77 (near Main Entrance).**

    
**Programme   
  
*Thursday 25 Augus****t*  
9.30 Registration   
  
10.15 Introduction   
  
Steffen Nordahl Lund (Head of the Institute of Language and   
Communication, University of Southern Denmark)   
  
Hans Frede Nielsen (University of Southern Denmark)   
  
10.30 Chair: Jean-Claude Muller (Luxembourg Prime Minister’s Office)   
  
Patrick V. Stiles (University College London),   
'The Pan-West Germanic Isoglosses (and the Sub-Relationships of West   
Germanic to Other Branches)'.   
  
Don Ringe (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia),   
'What is Old English?'.   
  
12.15 Lunch at reserved tables in the Campus Café (near SDU Main Entrance)   
  
13.30 Chair: Alexandra Holsting (University of Southern Denmark)   
  
Elmar Seebold (Universität München),   
'Der westgermanische Wortschatz'.   
  
Steffen Krogh (Aarhus Universitet),   
'Die Anfänge des Altsächsischen'.   
  
15.15 Coffee   
  
15.40 Chair: Ludwig Rübekeil (Universität Zürich)   
  
Rosemarie Lühr (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena),   
'Die Anfänge des Althochdeutschen'.   
  
[16.35] Mirjam Marti (Universität Zürich),   
'Stammbildungsalternation vom Typ ahd. hazzên/hazzôn'.   
  
[17.00] Mads Christiansen (Aarhus Universitet),   
'Die Entstehung des Definitartikels im Althochdeutschen'.   
  
18.30 Conference dinner   
  
  
***Friday 26 August***  
9.15 Chair: Rolf H. Bremmer, Jr. (Universiteit Leiden)   
  
Michiel de Vaan (Universiteit Leiden),   
'Lexical Diffusion and the Relative Chronology of Sound Changes in the Dutch-German Dialect Continuum'.   
  
Arjen Versloot (Fryske Akademy, Leeuwarden/Universiteit van Amsterdam),   
'The Emergence of Old Frisian'.   
  
11.00 Coffee   
  
11.20 Chair: Stefan Brink (University of Aberdeen)   
  
Elzbieta Adamczyk (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan),   
'On the Demise of the Declensional System in West Germanic:   
The Old English Minor Consonantal Stems'.   
  
Irene Garcia Losquino (University of Aberdeen),   
'The Presence of West Germanic Traits in the Older Runic Inscriptions'.   
  
12.10 Concluding Session. Chair: John Ole Askedal (Universitetet i Oslo)   
  
12.45 Lunch at reserved tables in the Campus Café (near SDU Main Entrance)   
  
  
  
If you wish to participate in our conference meals (dinner DKK 300 and lunches DKK 200 each) inclusive of drinks, **you should register by e-mail to** [**hfn@language.sdu.dk**](mailto:hfn@language.sdu.dk) no later than 24 June 2011. Otherwise no prior registration is required.   
  
The organizers of the symposium are: Erik W. Hansen, Alexandra Holsting, Hans Frede Nielsen and Flemming Talbo Stubkjær (all of Odense) in collaboration with Patrick V. Stiles (London).   
  
Should you wish to spend the night in Odense, you are well advised to book your accommodation at your earliest convenience. The following two hotels located close to the railway station are both comfortable and reasonably priced:   
  
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Østre Stationsvej 32   
DK-5000 Odense C   
  
Hotel Windsor (tel. +45 6612 0652 or www.millinghotels.dk or [windsor@millinghotels.dk](mailto:windsor@millinghotels.dk))   
Vindegade 45   
DK-5000 Odense C   
  
Buses Nos. 40 and 41 run between the railway station, Bay B (Odense Banegård Center, Plads B) and the University. Travelling time: max. 20 minutes.   
  
  
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