

# Curriculum vitae

**Hartmut Ewald Herbert Lenk**

Dr. phil., Docent of German philology

Born 1956 in Neukloster/Germany

## **Degrees:**

- *Dipl.-Lehrer für Deutsch/Englisch* [teacher of German & English], Humboldt University Berlin, 1980
- Dr. phil., *Deutsche Sprache* [German Language], Humboldt University Berlin, 1987. Topic of the dissertation (1986): Strategies of persuasion and actional structure of commentary texts in [West-] German newspapers.

## **Adjunct professorship:**

- Docent of German philology (*Germaanisen filologian dosentti*), Helsinki University, since May 28, 2004

## **Present employment relationship:**

- Acting professor of Germanic philology and head of the subject, Helsinki University, from September 1, 2014 to July 31, 2016

## **Former posts and full-time positions:**

- 1983–1986: Humboldt University Berlin, Department of German philology, Linguistic division, scientific assistant
- 1986–1988: *Deutschlektorat* (German Language Institute) Helsinki, responsible editor of *Der Ginkgo-Baum* (yearbook of German philology for the Nordic countries)
- Lecturer for German language (*saksan kielen lehtori*), Helsinki University, 1988–2003
- University lecturer / German philology (*yliopistonlehtori*), Helsinki University, since January 2004

## **Positions of trust and administration:**

- Member of the management team (johtoryhmä) of the German Department of Helsinki University, 2003–2006
- Coordinator (2012–2014 with prof. Elina Suomela-Härmä, 2015–2016 with Enrico Garavelli) of the subgroup *Text types and discourses* of the Research Community CoCoLaC (*Contrasting and Comparing Languages and Cultures*), cf. <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/cocolac-rc/>

## **Co-Organizer of the following scientific conferences:**

- Helsinki, May 2004 (with prof. Andrew Chesterman): *Presstextsorten im Vergleich / Contrasting Text Types in the Press*
- Landau/Germany, May 2007 (with prof. Heinz-Helmut Lüger): *Kontrastive Medienlinguistik*
- Helsinki, August 2009 (with five colleagues): *Constructing Identity in Interpersonal Communication – Construction identitaire dans la communication interpersonnelle – Identitätskonstruktion in der interpersonalen Kommunikation.*

- Helsinki, September 2009 (with four colleagues, H. Lenk as coordinator of the organisational committee): *Infinite Kontrastive Hypothesen*. Festsymposium for Irma Hyvärinen.
- Helsinki, September 2011 (with Marjo Vesalainen): *Persuasionsstile in Europa* [Styles of Persuasion in Europe], cf. <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/lenk/>
- Helsinki, May 2014: Project workshop *Persuasionsstile in Europa II*
- Helsinki, August 21, 2014 (with Ulrike Richter-Vapaatalo, Rogier Nieuweboer, Jouni Heikkinen): Symposium in honour of Irma Hyvärinen und Jarmo Korhonen
- Helsinki, October 10, 2014: International seminar of the CoCoLaC-subgroup ‘Text types and discourses’ on *Sprache im Comic / Language in Comic strips* (with Elina Suomela-Härmä)
- Helsinki, May 27-29, 2015: Project workshop *Persuasionsstile in Europa III*
- Helsinki, September 11, 2015: International seminar of the CoCoLaC-subgroup ‘Text types and discourses’ on *Veiled Language Use. Characteristic euphemisms in text types and discourses / Verhüllender Sprachgebrauch. Textsorten- und diskurstypische Euphemismen* (with Enrico Garavelli)
- Helsinki, November 6-7, 2015: Member of the organisational team (head: Christian Rink) of the international interdisciplinary conference *Migration in Deutschland und Europa: Interkulturalität - Multikulturalität - Transkulturalität*

***Most important foreign visits:***

- University of Zurich/Switzerland, Erasmus-programme, teaching and presentation of research results, one week in May 2008 and one week in October 2009
- Co-organizer of the conference *Kontrastive Medienlinguistik*, May 2007 in Landau/Germany, together with prof. Heinz-Helmut Lüger
- presentation of research results in a guest lecture for the local organisation of the *Gesellschaft für deutsche Sprache* in Potsdam/Germany, June 2005
- presentation of research results in the Linguistic Colloquium at the University of Kassel/Germany, June 2004
- more than 40 papers read at scientific conferences in Finland and other countries; for a complete chronological list cf. <http://www.helsinki.fi/~lenk/Vortr.html>

***Most important academic awards:***

- *Humboldt-Preis* for the master’s thesis, Humboldt University Berlin, 1981
- Best international teacher award, University of Helsinki, 2003