

Annual report 2016 of ACLC research group: *Institutional Discourse*

Coordinator: Anne Bannink

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Participants in 2016:

ACLC:

- Anne Bannink, senior researcher, coordinator
- Jet van Dam van Isselt, senior researcher
- Michiel van den Brekel, senior researcher
- Roos van der Zwaard, PhD candidate on project *Discourses and interdiscursivity in educational settings* (2011-2016)
- Manon van der Laaken, PhD candidate on project *Discourses in medical settings* (2015-2019)

External staff:

- Bertie Kaal, VU
- Nicolina Montessori Montesano, HU
- Jarret Geenen, RUN

Description of the research group:

In our program we investigate how institutions are discursively constructed and maintained through the linguistic and semiotic behaviors of their members. We aim to articulate specific proposals for the analysis of multimodal data in a number of professional social contexts, especially multiparty discourses that involve complex roles and participation frameworks. Having started out with a focus on educational environments and language learning, these proposals increasingly address professional communication in a range of face-to-face and technologically-mediated situations. These include (broadcast) political discourse, doctor-patient communication, educational discourses in secondary schools and university settings.

Research highlights in 2016:

In December Roos van der Zwaard finished her doctoral thesis. In her thesis she questions traditional, theoretical assumptions in SLA research about negotiation of meaning L2 learning. Manon van der Laaken has discovered a pervasive orientation to wellness in her interactional data of cancer follow-up consultations.

Societal relevance:

The outcomes of the project *Educational Ethnography: Everyday Practices* (Anne Bannink & Jet van Dam van Isselt) are used as input for the BKO course of the FGw. The electronic

learning environment *Competenties in Context* (design: Jet van Dam van Isselt and Anne Bannink) has a prominent place on the recently developed website of the Teaching Exchange Network of the FGw (<http://docentenkamer.humanities.uva.nl/>).