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Academic Degrees

Habilitation (postdoctoral degree)

University of Osnabrück, Germany. February 8, 2007.

Title of thesis: *Kharia. A South Munda Language*. (Three volumes)

- PhD Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany. January 20, 1997.
Major: General Linguistics, Minors: Indology, Indo-European Linguistics
- MA Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany. December 29, 1993.
Major: Indology, Minors: General Linguistics, Indo-European Linguistics
- BA Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, USA. May 25, 1986.
Major: German, Minor: Physics

Academic positions

- October 1, 2011 to present – Full Professor for General Linguistics and Head of the Linguistics Department, Institute for Scandinavian Studies, Frisian and General Linguistics (ISFAS), Kiel University.
- April 1, 2009 – August 31, 2011 – Visiting Professor for General Linguistics, with special reference to typology and linguistic variation, General Linguistics, University of Leipzig. Filling in for Prof. Dr. Balthasar Bickel.
- October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009 – Visiting Professor for Applied Linguistics of German, German Studies / General Linguistics, University of Osnabrück.
- October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2008 – Visiting Professor for German as a Second Language and General Linguistics, German Studies / General Linguistics, University of Osnabrück.
- October 1, 2000 – September 30, 2006 – Assistant Professor, General Linguistics, University of Osnabrück, Section for Typological and Empirical Linguistics.
- October, 1998 – September, 2000 – Research assistant in the project of the German Research Foundation (DFG) “Cross-linguistic grammar (AVG)”, Department of German, Theoretical linguistics, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich.
- October 1, 1997 – September 30, 1998 – Temporary assistant professor (50%) and Research assistant (25%) in the project "Areal typology of South Asia", funded by the Swiss National Foundation. General linguistics, University of Zurich.
- October 1, 1994 – July 31, 1997 – PhD position. Department of Indology, Kiel University.
- February 1, 1994 – September 30, 1994 – Acting assistant professor (Vertretung der Assistentenstelle), Department of Indology, Kiel University.

Select additional academic activities

General Editor (together with Shobhana Chelliah) and founder of the series *Brill's Studies in South and Southwest Asian Languages* (BSSAL).

Chief International Expert Advisor for the *International Documentation Center for Endangered Indigenous Languages and Cultures*, Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University (DSPMU), Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.

Member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*, Mouton de Gruyter.

Externally funded research projects

Since 2019 – One of 25 Principle Investigators (PI's) in the "Cluster of Excellence" (*Exzellenzcluster*) "ROOTS – Connectivity of Society, Environment and Culture in Past Worlds" at Kiel University. Funded by the German Research Council (DFG).

2017 – 2020 – Primary investigator (sole applicant) in the project "Towards a linguistic prehistory of eastern-central South Asia (and beyond)", funded by the German Research Council (DFG) (PE 872/5-1). Work began in October, 2017. Three-year project with the possibility of extension for three additional years; two academic positions.

2007 – 2011 – Co-applicant, together with Christoph Schroeder (PI) & Michael Bommes (PI), co-applicant Ulrich Mehlem. Literacy Acquisition in Schools in the Context of Migration and Multilingualism – A comparative Study" (LAS). Universität Osnabrück/Universität Potsdam. Funded by the Volkswagen Foundation.

Select Publications

John Peterson. in press. A sociolinguistic-typological approach to the linguistic prehistory of South Asia - Two case studies. *Language Dynamics and Change*. 50 pp.

John Peterson. in press. "Lexical and grammatical categories in Role and Reference Grammar (RRG)". To appear in: Bentley, D., R. Mairal-Usón, W. Nakamura & R. Van Valin Jr. (eds), *The Cambridge Handbook of Role and Reference Grammar*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 36 pp.

Peterson, John & Sunil Baraik. in press. *A Grammar of Chotanagpuri Sadri. A lingua franca of eastern central India*. 325 pages. Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL).

Peterson, John & Lennart Chevallier. accepted. Towards a typology of negation in South Asian languages. *Bhāṣā, Journal of South Asian Linguistics, Philology and Grammar Traditions*. First issue. 34pp.

Jessica Ivani, Netra Paudyal & John Peterson. 2021. A house divided? Evidence for the East-West Indo-Aryan divide and its significance for the study of northern South Asia. In J. Ivani & J. Peterson (eds.). Special issue of *Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*. 235-274 <https://doi.org/10.1515/jsall-2021-2029>

Netra Paudyal & John Peterson. 2021. How one language became four: The impact of different contact-scenarios between "Sadani" and the tribal languages of Jharkhand. In J. Ivani & J. Peterson (eds.). Special issue of *Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*. 275-306 <https://doi.org/10.1515/jsall-2021-2028>

Peterson, John. 2017. "Fitting the pieces together – Towards a linguistic prehistory of eastern-central South Asia (and beyond)." *Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*. 4/2: 211-257. <https://doi.org/10.1515/jsall-2017-0008>

Peterson, John. 2017. "Jharkhand as a "linguistic area" – Language contact between Indo-Aryan and Munda in eastern-central South Asia." Raymond Hickey (ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Areal Linguistics*. [Cambridge Handbooks in Language and Linguistics.] Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 551-574.

Peterson, John M. 2013. "Parts of Speech in Kharia. A formal account." Jan Rijkhoff & Eva van Lier (eds.), *Flexible Word Classes. Typological Studies of Underspecified Parts of Speech*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 131-168.

Peterson, John. 2011. *A Grammar of Kharia. A South Muunda Language*. [Brill's Studies in South and Southwest Asian Languages, 1]. Leiden & Boston: Brill