

# Nina Haket

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### RESEARCH PROFILE

Early-career researcher specializing in **Conceptual Engineering, Semantics-Pragmatics, and Language Change**, with a robust interdisciplinary approach that bridges philosophy and linguistics. Research focuses on contextualizing meaning spaces to advance theoretical understanding and practical applications.

**Areas of specialisation:** Conceptual Engineering, Language Change, Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary, Word Meaning

**Areas of competence:** Historical Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Philosophy of Language

### EDUCATION

- PhD Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, **University of Cambridge** 2022 - Present
  - Supervisor: Kasia Jaszczolt
  - Title: Navigating Meaning Spaces: A Contextualist Perspective on Conceptual Engineering
  - Focus: Integrating linguistic theory and experimental methods to investigate word meanings and their evolution within conceptual engineering.
- Research Master of Arts, Linguistics, **Universiteit Leiden** 2020 - 2022
  - Cum Laude
  - Supervisors: Lauren Fonteyn and Janet Connor
  - Focus: The interface between language change and conceptual semantics, using historical corpora and computational models.
- BA Linguistics, **University of Cambridge** 2017 - 2020
  - First Class Honours
  - Supervisor: David Willis
  - Focus: Language Contact, language change, and phonology

**PAPERS***\* Publication is peer-reviewed*

\* **Haket, N.** (2024). Collaborative Conceptual Engineering: Philosophy and Linguistics. In *Conceptual Engineering: Methodological and Metaphilosophical Issues* (P. Stalmaszczyk, eds). [https://doi.org/10.30965/9783969753026\\_012](https://doi.org/10.30965/9783969753026_012)

\* Fonteyn, L., Manjavacas, E., **Haket, N.**, Dorst, A., Kruijt, E. (2024). Could this be next for corpus linguistics? Methods of semi-automatic data annotation with contextualized word embeddings. *Linguistics Vanguard*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2022-0142>

**Haket, N.** (2023). Nullius In Verba: Conceptual Engineering and the Royal Society Corpus. *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics*, 15, 155–195.

\* **Haket, N.** (2021). Language Contact and the Phylogeny and Phonology of Early English. *Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Great Britain*, 1(1), 1–32.

**Under Review**

**Haket, N.** and Daniels, R. BERT's Conceptual Cartography: Mapping the Landscapes of Meaning

**GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2023: TAL Research Area Workshops (RAW) funding – Organized a student-led workshop on interdisciplinary applications of linguistics.
- 2022: Cambridge Trust International Scholarship – Awarded full PhD funding for academic merit.
- 2017: Sufian Passamano Prize for Linguistics – Recognized for outstanding undergraduate research.
- 2017: Bateman Scholarship – Awarded for consistently achieving First-Class Honours during undergraduate studies.

**RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT**

- **Lorentz Centre Workshop for Ethics in Linguistics – Research Assistant** 2022
  - Supported the Lorentz Centre Workshop for Ethics in Linguistics, assisting with material preparation, workshop coordination, and follow-up publications.
- **MacBERTh Project – Research Assistant** 2022
  - Collaborated with Dr. Fonteyn and Dr. Manjavacas to train NLP models on historical corpora, including the Royal Society Corpus.
- **When Philosophers Meet Linguists: The Conceptual Engineering Project** 2021
  - Provided linguistic analysis for philosophical frameworks, conducted independent research, and prepared collaborative presentations.
- **The Uab Meteo Middelkoop Dictionary** 2021
  - Translated and prepared an unpublished Timorese linguistic fieldwork dictionary for publication in SEALANG.

## **TEACHING, MENTORING AND PEDAGOGY**

- Undergraduate Supervisor, University of Cambridge (2022 – Present):
  - Taught courses: History and Varieties of English (Li4), Structures and Meanings (Li2), Semantics and Pragmatics (Li10).
- Lecturer (2025, Michaelmas Term): Semantics and Pragmatics course.
- Dissertation Supervisor (2024): Guided undergraduate research in semantics and pragmatics.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*\* Invited*

- The Forgotten Pragmatic Aspect of Conceptual Engineering - 6th International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA), Florida 2024
- Why Making Words Better Is Not That Simple: Conceptual Engineering and Distributional Semantics - The 11th Inter-Varietal Applied Corpus Studies (IVACS), with Ryan Daniels, Cambridge 2024
- \* Why Making Words Better Is Not That Simple: Conceptual Engineering and Distributional Semantics - Pre-Conference Workshop for the 4th Experimental Philosophy Conference on Large Language Models for Experimental Philosophy, with Ryan Daniels, Krakow 2024
- \* Intra and inter-word variation in Conceptual Engineering - Conceptual Engineering Network (CEN) lecture, Virtual: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qN6pKFT-9gA&t=2468s> 2024
- Conceptual Engineering: fixing the concept of NOW in Russian - Workshop on Abstract Concepts, Perception, and Language: What we think and how we say it, Cambridge 2024
- \* Empirical Dilemmas in Conceptual Engineering: Words and Beyond - Pre-conference workshop for the 3rd European Experimental Philosophy Conference on The Dawn of Experimental Conceptual Engineering, Zurich 2023
- Nullius in Verba: Conceptual Engineering and the Royal Society Corpus - 18th International Pragmatics Association Conference, Brussels 2023
- Collaborative Conceptual Engineering - 8th International Conference on the Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, Lodz 2023
- \*Conceptual Engineering and Propositions: An Argument for Functional Dynamic Propositions - Semantics, Pragmatics, and Philosophy Workgroup Meeting 2023

## **SERVICE WORK**

### **Administrative Roles and Responsibilities**

- **Communications Assistant Editor** at Languages, Society and Policy Journal 2024 – Present
  - An open access online journal publishing high-quality peer-reviewed language research that addresses issues concerning languages, cultures, and societies in accessible and non-technical language.
- **Organiser of the Semantics, Pragmatics and Philosophy Workgroup** 2022 – Present
  - A bi-weekly Cambridge University meeting in which authors of recently published papers are invited to discuss their work. My role includes selecting papers for discussion, contacting authors to attend, moderating meetings, and communicating with the rest of the university

- **Editor of the Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics Journal** 2022 – Present
  - Managed publication workflow and formatting using LaTeX.

### ***Public Communications***

- Presented at AI Café (2024): Highlighted applications of LLMs in linguistics., July 2024
- ULAB. (2023, July 31). ANNOTATED. Episode 01: **Nina Haket**. Blog of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain. <https://ulab.substack.com/p/annotated-episode-01-nina-haket>
- Lichtsteiner, L., & **Haket, N.** (2021b). In Search of a Language Utopia. *The Low Countries*, 4(4)

### ***Conference/Workshop Organisation***

- Organiser of the *Abstract Concepts, Perception, and Language: What we think and how we say it* workshop. The University of Cambridge in April 2024
- Organiser of a LATEX workshop for the Theoretical and Applied Linguistics Department at the University of Cambridge in January 2023

### ***Refereeing***

- *Theoria: An International Journal for Theory, History and Foundations of Science*

## **NETWORKS AND PROJECTS**

- **Dawn Supercomputer Pioneer Project:** Pioneer project member in the Dawn Supercomputer Initiative at the University of Cambridge's Research Computing Service. Pioneer projects involve early access to the Dawn Supercomputer, built in collaboration with Intel and Dell Technologies, and provide advanced computing capabilities for researchers

## **REFEREES**

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