

Petra M. Goedegebuure

The basic philosophy that forms the foundation of all **Petra M. Goedegebuure's** work on the ancient languages of Anatolia — such as Hittite, Luwian, Palaic, and Hattian — is that she takes language as a social phenomenon, in contrast with the equally valid concept of language as a cognitive-biological phenomenon. This is reflected in her approach of combining philology and the cultural background of texts with language typology and functional grammar.

Petra's specific aims are (1) to develop methods for applying modern linguistics to dead languages; (2) to further explore the Anatolian languages at the level of pragmatics, especially information structure and deixis; therefore (3) to arrive at a better understanding of the texts and the communicative goals of the ancient authors.

This year Petra spent most of her time teaching five classes, three in winter (Elementary Hittite II, Language and the Human (a core class co-taught with five other faculty from the departments of Linguistics, NELC, Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Germanic Studies), Readings in Palaic (a research seminar with graduate students in Hittitology), and two in spring (Elementary Hittite III and Hittite Linguistics).

The core class Language and the Human directed Petra toward semiotics, which she then applied to the visual aspects of Hittite culture in the presentation "Anatolian Aniconoclasm: Not Destruction But Deactivation" at the Oriental Institute Post-Doc seminar on Iconoclasm, April 8–9, 2011.

In the Linguistics class Petra explored ergativity, information structure, and aspect from a theoretical linguistic perspective, and asked her students to implement the results on their

extinct language of choice. This class relied heavily on Petra's own work on information structure ("The Pragmatic Function Focus in Hittite" presented at the workshop Linguistic Method and Theory and the Languages of the Ancient Near East, April 16, 2010, Oriental Institute; in progress) and ergativity ("Split-ergativity in Anatolian," *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*; submitted). The study of ergativity is also part of a new book project, *The Core Cases in the Anatolian Languages: Semantics, Syntax, Morphology, Diachrony*. Based on this project Petra was awarded a fellowship from the Franke Institute of the Humanities for 2011–2012.

The following articles were published:

- "The Alignment of Hattian: An Active Language with an Ergative Base," in *Babel und Bibel* 4–5 (2007–08): 949–81.
- "Deictic-emphatic -i and the Anatolian Demonstratives," in *Ex Anatolia Lux: Anatolian and Indo-European Studies in Honor of H. Craig Melchert on the Occasion of His Sixty-fifth Birthday*, edited by Ronald Kim, pp. 55–67 (Ann Arbor: Beech Stave Press, 2010).
- "The Luwian Adverbs *zanta* 'Down' and **ānni* 'With, For, Against,'" In *Acts of the 7th International Congress of Hittitology, Çorum, August 25–31, 2008*, edited by Aygül Süel, pp. 299–318 (Ankara: Anit Matbaa, 2010).
- "The Luwian Demonstratives of Place and Manner," in *Luwian and Hittite Studies Presented to J. David Hawkins on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*, edited by Itamar Singer, pp. 76–94 (Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology Monograph Series 28; Tel Aviv: Emery and Claire Yass Publications in Archaeology, 2010).

Petra also submitted three entries for Blackwell's *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*: "Hattic (Language)," "Labarna," and "Kashka."

Petra furthermore participated in the Chicago Hittite Dictionary Project (see separate report), finishing the lemma *ser* "on top, above, because of, on account of, regarding" (ca. 110 pages).