

An Overview of Icelandic Variation Projects

SOME PREDECESSORS

1. Björn Guðfinnsson 1940s (BG):

Topic: Phonological variation
Subjects: 6520 subjects, 12 year olds
Methods: Reading of special texts
Coverage: All parts of the country
Emphasis: Geographical variation
Dissemination: Two books
Grants: Icelandic government

2. Ásta Svavarsdóttir 1981+ (ÁSv):

Topic: Variation in subject case
Subjects: Some 200 11 year olds
Methods: Filling blanks in a text
Coverage: Selected areas (11 schools)
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: BA-thesis, two articles

3. Kristján & Höskuldur 1980s (RÍN):

Topic: Phonological variation
Subjects: 2800+
Methods: Interviews, reading of texts
Partially a replication of 1
Coverage: All parts of the country
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: Articles, presentations, Internet
Grants: Icelandic Research Fund ...

4. Sigga S. & J. Maling 1999+ (SS&JM)

Topic: The New Passive/New Impers.
Subjects: 1700 teenagers + 200 adults
Methods: Questionnaire (judgments)
Coverage: All parts of the country
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: Articles, presentations
Grants: Icelandic Research Fund, NSF ...

5. Tolli & Jóhannes 2001+ (PE&JGJ)

Topic: Variation in subject case
Subjects: Some 850 11 year olds
Methods: Filling blanks in a text
Partially a replication of 2
Coverage: Selected areas (20 schools)
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: Articles, presentations
Grants: British Academy ...

6. Jóhannes & Tolli 2002+(JGJ&PE)

Topic: Case variation in Faroese
Subjects: 290 teenagers and 280 adults
Methods: Filling blanks in a text
Partially a replication of 2 and 5
Coverage: Mostly Tórshavn
Emphasis: Linguistic variation
Dissemination: Articles, presentations
Grants: Icelandic Research Fund...

MORE RECENT/CURRENT PROJECTS

7. Icel. Dial. Syntax 2005+ (IceDiaSyn)

Topic: Syntactic variation
Subjects: 2240+
Methods: Quest., fill-ins, interviews
Partially a replication of 2, 4, 5
Coverage: All parts of the country
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: Presentations, articles, (+ book)
Grants: Icelandic Research Fund...
and ScanDiaSyn and NORMS ...

8. Far. Dial. Syntax 2008+ (FarDiaSyn)

Topic: Syntactic variation
Subjects: 550+
Methods: Quest., fill-ins, interviews
Largely based on 7 and on 6
Coverage: All parts of the country
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: Presentations, articles (+ book)
Grants: Icelandic Research Fund...
and ScanDiaSyn and NORMS

9. Ling. Chg. in Real Time 2010+ (RAUN)

Topic: Phonol. and syntactic variation
Subjects: Some 300 + 46 so far
Methods: Interviews, reading, questionn.
Detailed replication of 3 and 4
Coverage: Selected parts of the country
Emphasis: Linguistic and social variation
Dissemination: Only presentations so far
Grants: Icelandic Research Fund...
and NORMS and NLVN