

CURRICULUM VITAE

Lea Meriläinen

Degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Eastern Finland, English language and culture, 2010
- Licentiate in Philosophy, University of Joensuu, English language, 2006
- Master of Arts, University of Joensuu, 2004 (major: English, minors: German, education)

Other education and expertise

- *LANGNET* Finnish doctoral programme in language studies. Subprogramme *Language acquisition*, 1/2007–12/2010.

Current employment

- Senior Lecturer, English language and culture. University of Eastern Finland, 8/2020–

Previous work experience

- Senior Lecturer, foreign language pedagogy, University of Eastern Finland, 8/2017–7/2020
- Post-doctoral researcher, *Changing English: Users and learners world-wide* (Finnish Academy funded research consortium). University of Eastern Finland, 1/2017–7/2017
- Post-doctoral researcher, *L1-induced variation and learner universals in learner English in the light of corpus evidence* (post-doctoral funding by the University of Eastern Finland). English language and culture, University of Eastern Finland, 1/2013–12/2016 (on parental leave 3/2014–11/2014, on part-time parental leave 2/2015–7/2015)
- Post-doctoral researcher, *Global English: Typological, contact-linguistic and second-language acquisition perspectives* (Finnish Academy funded research consortium). University of Eastern Finland, 1/2012–8/2012, 9/2010–8/2011
- Senior Lecturer, English language and culture, University of Eastern Finland, 9/2012–7/2013, 9/2011–12/2011
- Grant researcher, English Language and Culture, University of Eastern Finland, 1/2010–8/2010, 1/2006–10/2008
- Lecturer, English Language and Culture, University of Joensuu, 8/2009–12/2009
- Senior Assistant, English Language and Culture, University of Joensuu, 10/2008–6/2009
- Various positions as English language teacher at elementary and Upper Secondary school levels in 2004–2006 and at the University Language Center (part-time) in 2006–2008

Research funding and grants

- 3 year position as a post-doctoral researcher, University of Eastern Finland (2013–2016)
- 1 year doctoral research grant, Kone Foundation, 2007 and 2008
- 1 year doctoral research grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Karelia Fund, 2006 and 2007
- Doctoral research grant (6 months), Faculty of Humanities, University of Joensuu, 2006

Research output

- 23 scientific articles, 3 forthcoming scientific articles, 5 edited publications, one forthcoming edited publication, 3 publications intended for professional communities and a PhD dissertation (a monograph). 10 most important ones:

Paulasto, H., Meriläinen, L., Kaislaniemi, S. & Laitinen, M. (eds.) (2026) *English Language Contacts and Change in the Digital Age*. Leiden: BRILL.

Rautionaho, P. & Meriläinen, L. (2026) "Modals of future time reference across native and non-native Englishes: A variationist analysis". In Laitinen, M. & Rautionaho, P. (eds.) *Data-intensive Investigations of English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 167–195.

Nie, C., Meriläinen, L. & Laitinen, M. (2025) "Alternation of *must*, *have to*, and *need to* in English as a lingua franca". *World Englishes* 45(3), 532–553.

Gilquin, G. & Meriläinen, L. (2024) "Constrained communication in EFL and ESL: The case of embedded inversion". *English World-Wide*, 45(2), 196–223.

Paulasto, H. & Meriläinen, L. (2022) "The processes of preposition omission across English variety types". In Rautionaho, P., Parviainen, H., Kaunisto, M. & Nurmi, A. (eds.) *Social and Regional Variation in World Englishes: Local and Global Perspectives*. New York: Routledge, 91–122.

Meriläinen, L. (2021) "The interplay between universal processes and cross-linguistic influence in the light of learner corpus data: Examining shared features of non-native Englishes". In Le Bruyn, B. & Paquot, M. (eds.) *Second Language Acquisition and Learner Corpora*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 67–95.

Meriläinen, L. (2020) "The progressive form and its functions in spoken learner English: Tracing the effects of an exposure-rich learning environment". In Fuchs, R. & Werner, V. (eds.) *Tense and Aspect in Second Language Acquisition and Learner Corpus Research*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 23–52 (reprint of the 2018 special issue of the *International Journal of Learner Corpus Research* 4(2)).

Meriläinen, L. (2017) "The progressive form in learner Englishes: Examining variation across corpora". *World Englishes* 36(4), 760–783.

Meriläinen, L., Paulasto, H. & Rautionaho, P. (2017) "Extended uses of the progressive form in Inner, Outer and Expanding Circle Englishes". In Filppula, M., Klemola, J., Mauranen, A. & Vetchinnikova, S. (eds.) *Changing English: Global and Local Perspectives* [Topics in English Linguistics 92]. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 191–216.

Meriläinen, L. & Paulasto, H. (2017) "Embedded inversion as an angloversal: Evidence from Inner, Outer and Expanding Circle Englishes". In Filppula, M., Klemola, J. & Sharma, D. (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of World Englishes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 676–696.

- Production and distribution of research data
 - The Finnish component of the Louvain International Database of Spoken English Interlanguage (forthcoming, data collected in 2013–2014), c. 130 000 words.
 - The Corpus of Finnish Matriculation Examination Compositions (Meriläinen 2010), c. 120 000 words.

Foreign visits

- Visiting researcher (Erasmus+ staff mobility). Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 5/2025
- Visiting researcher. Centre for English Corpus Linguistics, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium, 10/2016, 1/2012–2/2012
- Visiting researcher. University of Freiburg, Germany, 4/2013–5/2013

Teaching merits

- Subject teacher's pedagogical studies (60 ects) as a part of MA degree
- Teaching various courses at the subject of English language and culture and in MDP in Linguistic Data Sciences (2020–, 2008–2016)
- Teaching various courses that form a part of foreign language teacher's pedagogical studies and the MDP in Early Language Education (2017–2020)
- Supervisor of BA, MA and PhD theses
- Member of the working group on curriculum development, School of Humanities, 2026–, 2012–2013
- Member of the learning environment working group, School of Humanities, 2023–2025
- Member of the planning group for joint national entrance exam for English, 2023–2024
- Member of the working group on curriculum renewal for subject teacher's pedagogical studies, 2021–2022, 2024–2025
- Member of teaching skills evaluation groups, Language Center, UEF (2018–2020) and Joensuu normaalikoulu (UEF teacher training school), 2019

Other academic merits

- Referee for *Language Learning*, *Applied Linguistics*, *Lingua*, *International Journal of Learner Corpus Research*, *International Review of Applied Linguistics in Language Teaching*, *Pedagogical Linguistics*, *Language, Culture and Curriculum*, *International Journal of Bilingualism*, *AFinLA Yearbook*, *Ainedidaktisia tutkimuksia*, *Extending the Scope of Corpus-Based Translation Studies* (edited volume by Bloomsbury).
- Member of the organizing committee: *The sixth International Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English* (2021; online), *Changing English: Integrating Cognitive, Social and Typological Perspectives* (2015), *Crossling Symposium: Language Contacts at the Crossroads of Disciplines* (2013), *Methods and Languages in Contact: Crossdisciplinary Approaches to Language*

Contacts, SLA and Translation (Langnet workshop, 2013), *Finsse 6* (2012), *AFinLA symposium* (2011 and 2025), *24th Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics* (2010).

- Member of the scientific committee: *English as a Lingua Franca and Changing English* (2017), *Changing English: Contacts and Variation* (2013).
- Member of the expert group for the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre's national evaluation of learning outcomes in English in the final year of comprehensive school, 2020–2022.
- Pre-examiner of a doctoral dissertation. Faculty of humanities and social sciences, University of Jyväskylä, 2026.
- Faculty representative at doctoral defenses. Philosophical faculty, University of Eastern Finland, 2018 and 2022.
- Invited plenary speaker, Foreign Language Methodology Conference, University of Agder, Norway, 2018.
- Vice member of the steering committee for the Finnish Network of Language Education Policies, 2017–2020.
- Board member of the Finnish Association of Applied Linguistics (AFinLA), 2009–2016.