

Old Frisian in Contact with its Neighbours

In my lecture I'd like to take you back in time. The destination is medieval Frisian. How did the Frisians interact in their spoken and written communications with neighbouring peoples and their languages and how did this interaction affect their language. I can already reveal that by the end of the Middle Ages due to political and economic factors a major part of the Frisians had given up their native language in favour of what is now Dutch and Low German.