

Re: Indo-European Languages and Gramatical Gender Loss

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On 14 kesä, 15:08, Trond Engen <trond...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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– struggling to save the third gender

So you are in favour of Nynorsk? Nice.

Well, I'm either a friend or a traitor. I'm highly sympathetic towards it, and I think Norwegian public life (and especially business) sees far too little of it. Myself, though, I grew up in Bokmål country and have always written Bokmål.

The third gender isn't loosing ground in Nynorsk, and apparently only slowly in the dialects (although some evidence from my usual informants, the young girls somewhere behind me in the bus, seems to point towards the coming of a sudden decline around here). It's more that it's not really gaining any ground in Bokmål or in public speech.

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