

This special issue of *Canadian Journal of Netherlandic Studies* is concerned with the Dutch linguist and anthropologist **C.C. Uhlenbeck** (1866-1951), who was a key figure in the Dutch and international academic world between the 1880s and the 1940s. Uhlenbeck studied many different languages, including Sanskrit, Eskimo/Greenlandic, Basque and Blackfoot; he played an important role in some of the scholarly debates in anthropology and linguistics in his time, such as the genetic relationship between languages, the relation between language and culture, and the role of psychology in the explanation of linguistic structure.

To date, there is no biography of C.C. Uhlenbeck. This is perhaps not surprising, given the large number of different languages and subfields to which he contributed. The papers in this collection highlight some of the more important and as yet unexamined aspects of Uhlenbeck's life and work.

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