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PARALLEL SOCIETY OR GLOBAL CITY: LIVING MULTILINGUALISM IN THE SOCIAL SPACE

What does it mean?

شارع خيرارد دو

(Gerard Doustraat)

“Wrong”



Street signs in the Netherlands



China Town, The Hague



Skingsterdy,
Slappeterp



De Pijp, Amsterdam

2018 municipal elections, the Hague



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Only one of these is official. Guess which...

Using the tensions of multilingualism for art

- › Taba79, *The Albert Heijn Mosque* (2001):
<https://www.bastiaanfranken.nl/albertheijnmosque.html>
- › Mediamatic, *El Hema* (2007):
<https://www.khtt.net/en/page/596/el-hema-project>

Multilingualism

- > Comes with *boundary experiences*
 - Different language: difference
- > Always embedded in a power dynamics
 - *Mehrsprachigkeit* is not merely *mehr Sprachen*.

MA Multilingualism at University of Groningen



- > Mission: leadership in multilingualism
 - To train our students to advice on or implement language planning or policy making aimed at creating or strengthening socially just multilingual practices in a local, national or transnational setting
- > Includes courses on:
 - Neurolinguistics
 - Multilingualism in education
 - Language planning and policy
- > Taught in Leeuwarden, capital of Fryslân
- > Give us a call!

Vielen Dank!

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