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Current position

Chair Professor of Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, Leiden University

Areas of specialization

Comparative Syntax, Syntax-semantics interface, Syntax-phonology interface

Positions held

2000-present	Chair Professor of Linguistics
	Department of Linguistics, Leiden University
	Chair, Department of Linguistics (2005-6, 2008-9, 2011-13)
1997-2000	Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics
	University of California, Irvine
	Chair, Department of Linguistics (1999)
1991-1997	Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics
	University of California, Irvine

Other administrative functions in Leiden

2005-2013	Co-founder & Board member
	Leiden Institute for Brain and Cognition (LIBC)
	URL: http://www.libc-leiden.nl/
2005-2008	Board member, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
2001-2005	Board member, University of Leiden Centre for Linguistics

Education

1991	PhD in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A.
1986	MA in Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada
1985	BA in Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada

Honors

2017	Elected Member, The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts of Sciences (KNAW)
2016	Elected Member, Academia Europaea
2013	Elected Member, de Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen

Grants/Projects

2017-2018 Principal Investigator
The Influence of Music Training in Speech Processing (co-PI: Claartje Levelt)
Research Trainee grants in the Humanities, Leiden University
Two research trainees will be employed in the project for one year.

2015-2020 Principal Investigator
Ellipsis Licensing Beyond Syntax, a five-year research project
Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Two postdocs and one PhD are employed in this project.

2014-2019 Scientific Coordinator
Advancing the European Multilingual Experience, Budget: 5 million euros
URL for AThEME: http://www.atheme.eu
a five year large scale co-operation project funded by the European Commission
This project involves 17 partners and 8 European countries.

2014-2019 Principal Investigator
Understanding Questions, a five-year research project, co-PI, Jenny Doetjes
Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Two postdocs and one PhD are employed in this project.

2008-2012 Co-Principal Investigator
Functional Categories in Analytic Languages, a four-year research project
PI: Rint Sybesma, other Co-PIs: Enoch Aboh (UvA), Umberto Ansaldo (UvA)
Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Two postdocs were employed in this project.

2007-2000 Principal Investigator
Bantu, Chinese and Romance Nouns and Noun Phrases, an international network grant
Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Network partners: Lutz Marten (SOAS, U.K.), Laura Downing (ZAS, Germany), Denis Delfitto (Verona, Italy), Giuseppe Longobardi (Trieste, Italy) and Roberto Zamparelli (Trento, Italy)

2004-2008 Principal Investigator
Word Order and Morphological Marking in Bantu, a four-year research project
co-PI: Thilo Schadeberg
Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Two PhD and one postdoc were employed in this project.

1993-1995 Co-Principal Investigator
Functional Structures of Chinese, a two-year research project
Funded by Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Taiwan.
PI: C.-T. James Huang; other Co-PIs: Audrey Li, Jane Tang.

Commissions of Trust

2017-2019	Member of Advisory Committee, Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
2017	Panel Member, LEADing Fellows Postdoc Programme, Marie Curie Action.
2015	Panel Chair, Impact Evaluation, European Research Council Panel SH4, *The Human Mind and its Complexity: Cognition, Linguistics, Psychology, Philosophy and Education*
2014-2015	Member of VIDI Committee for the Humanities section, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
2011-2012 2014-2015	Panel Chair, Consolidator Grant, European Research Council Panel SH4, *The Human Mind and its Complexity: Cognition, Linguistics, Psychology, Philosophy and Education*
2007-2010	Panel Member, Starting Grant, European Research Council Panel SH4, *The Human Mind and its Complexity: Cognition, Linguistics, Psychology, Philosophy and Education*
2006-2007	Member of VENI Committee for the Humanities section, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
2006-2007	Member of Review Committee, Huygens Scholarship Program, NUFFIC
2004-2005	Advisor for the applications to the Mozaïek Programme, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

Visiting Fellow/Professorship

2013-2015	Regional Chair, Université de Nantes, France
2005	Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A. (June-July)
2004	Research Fellow, the Center of Chinese Linguistics of Peking University, China
2003, April	Research Fellow, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany
1997-1998	Visiting Professor, Holland Institute of Linguistics, Leiden University, the Netherlands
1997, April	Research Fellow, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany
1995	Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A. (Aug-Dec)

Professional services

JOURNALS

1996-2003	Editor, *Glot International*
2009-present	Advisory Editor, *Linguistic Inquiry*
current	Editorial Board: *Cahiers de Linguistique - Asie Orientale, Contemporary Chinese Linguistics, Journal of East Asian Linguistics, Syntax: Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research, The Linguistic Review, Prosodic Studies*

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOPS

2017	Co-organiser, Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW) (with Güliz Günez and Stella Grylllia).
2014	Co-organiser, Theoretical East Asian Linguistics Workshop (TEAL) (with Hamida Demirdache).
2010	Co-organiser, LUCL Public Symposium *Een hoofd vol taal: over meertaligheid.*

2009   Co-organiser, Workshop on *Diagnosing Syntax* (with Norbert Corver).

2009   Co-organiser, LIBC Public Symposium *Imag(in)ing the Buddhist Brain* (with Lorenza Colzato, Bernhard Hommel and Jonathan Silk).

2002   Co-organiser, Workshop on *On Wh-movement* (with Norbert Corver).

PhD Theses, (co)supervised

Leiden University

2016   Meelen, Marieke. *Why Jesus and Job spoke bad Welsh: the origin and distribution of V2 orders in Middle Welsh.*

2014   Sun, Hongyuan. *Time reference and bare predicates in Mandarin Chinese.*

2014   Boone, Enrico. *The syntax and licensing of gapping and fragments.*

2014   Lin, Chin-hui. *Utterance final particles in Taiwan Mandarin: contact, context, and core functions.*

2012   Kirk, Allison. 2012. *Word order and information structure in the Koine Greek of the New Testament.*

2012   Scholz, Franziska. *Tone sandhi, prosodic phrasing, and focus marking in Wenzhou Chinese.*

2009   Riedel, Kristina. *The Syntax of object marking in Sambaa. A comparative Bantu perspective.*

2009   Schoorlemmer, Erik. *Agreement, dominance and doubling: the morphosyntax of DP.*

2009   Van der Wal, Jenneke. *Word order and information structure in Makhuwa-Enahara.*

2007   Vicente Tojo, Luis. *The syntax of heads and phrases: a study of verb (phrase) fronting.*

2006   Salzmann, Martin. *Resumptive prolepsis: a study in A'-indirect dependencies.*

2006   Sio, Joanna. *Reference and modification in Chinese.*

2006   Li, Boya. *The functional structure of final particles in Chinese.*

2003   Van Gelderen, Véronique. *Scrambling Unscrambled.*

2001   Elordieta, Aran. *Verb movement and Constituent Permutation in Basque.*

2001   Lipták, Anikó. *On the Syntax of Wh-items in Hungarian.*

UC Irvine

1996   Griffith, Terri. *Projecting transitivity and agreement.*

PhD Theses, committee member

Leiden University

2016   Chavula, Jean Josephine. *Verbal derivation and valency in Citumbuka.*

2011   Verdonschot, Rinus. *Word processing in languages using non-alphabetic scripts: The case of Japanese and Chinese.*

2009   Reckman, Hilke. *Flat but not shallow: Towards flatter representations in deep semantic parsing for precise and feasible inferencing.*

2006   Arsenijevic, Boban. *Inner aspect and telicity: A decompositional model of eventualities at the syntax-semantics interface.*

2005   De Vos, Mark. *The syntax of pseudo-coordination in English and Afrikaans.*

2005   Van Koppen, Marjo. *One probe – Two Goals: Aspects of agreement in Dutch Dialects.*

2004   Devos, Maud. *A Grammar of Makwe.*

2004   Van Craenenbroeck, Jeroen. *Ellipsis in Dutch Dialects.*

2004   Van der Meulen, Ineke. *Syntactic Movement and Comprehension Deficits in Broca?s Aphasia.*

1998	Agbayani, Brian. *Feature attraction and category movement.*
1997	Ishii, Toru. *An asymmetry in the composition of phrase structure and its consequences.*
1996	Sakai, Hiromu. *Derivational uniformity: a study of syntactic derivation in parametric setting.*
1996	Ikawa, Hajime. *Overt movement as a reflex of morphology.*
1992	Ning, Chunyan. *The overt syntax of relativization and topicalization in Chinese.*

PhD Theses, External committee member

2015	Lin, Jing. Acquiring negative polarity items. University of Amsterdam.
2015	Mišmaš, Petra. On the optionality of wh-fronting in a multiple wh-fronting language. University of Nova Gorica. Slovenia.
2015	Niu, Fang Fang. Nominal Possession in Mandarin Chinese. Queen Mary University of London, U.K.
2015	Hachem, Mirjam. Multifunctionality: the internal and external syntax of D- and W-items in German and Dutch. Utrecht University.
2015	Griffiths, James. On appositives. Groningen University.
2014	Wondem, Mulusew Asratie. The syntax of non-verbal predication in Amharic and Geez. Utrecht University.
2013	Boef, Eefje. Doubling in relative clauses. Utrecht University.
2011	Ratiu, Dafina. De la syntaxe à la sémantique des propositions interrogatives. Étude comparative des questions multiples en Roumain. University of Nantes.
2010	Basciano, Bianca. Verbal compounding and causativity in Mandarin Chinese. Università degli studi di Verona. Co-tutor.
2009	Dyakonova, Marina. A phase-based approach to Russian free word order. University of Amsterdam.
2008	Gouguet, Jules. La Reduplication syntaxique et la structure du groupe verbal en mandarin, en anglais et an autres langues. Université Paris 7.
2007	Badan, Linda. High and low periphery: a comparison between Italian and Chinese. Università di Padova.
2007	Pirani, Laura. Morphological processes in the Mandarin nominal domain. Università degli studi di Verona.
2003	Surányi, Balász. Multiple Operator Movement in Hungarian. Utrecht University.
2002	De Vries, Mark. The Syntax of Relativization. University of Amsterdam.
2002	Hara, Takaaki. Anaphoric Dependencies in Japanese. Utrecht University.
2002	Zuo, Yan. Classical Chinese Verse Grammar. Catholic University of Brabant.
2002	Zimmermann, Malte. Boys Buying Two Sausages Each. University of Amsterdam.
1998	Mok, Sui-Sang. Cantonese Exceed Comparatives. UC San Diego.
1997	Zhang, Ning. Syntactic Dependencies in Mandarin Chinese. University of Toronto.
1994	Lu, Hui-Chuan. Preverbal NPs in Spanish and Chinese. UCLA.

Teaching

Leiden University, Department of Linguistics

Undergraduate courses

– Syntax series (Syntax I *&* II)

– Structure and Diversity: Part II – Cantonese (2002-2003)

- Languages of the World (2003), Mentoraat (2004-2005)
- Syntax-semantics seminar (Vorm en Betekenis)
  Topics: *Wh*-questions, Resultatives, Comparatives, Ellipsis, Existentials, Indefinites, Negative Polarity and Free Choice Items, Bantu Syntax, Relative Clauses, Noun Phrases.

Graduate courses

- MA Syntax
- Chinese Syntax-Semantics
- Typology

UC Irvine, Department of Linguistics

Undergraduate courses

- Introduction to Linguistics
- Languages of the World
- Syntax sequence
- Language Typology
- Linguistic Structure of Chinese

Undergraduate courses

- Syntax sequence
- Graduate Syntax Seminar
  Topics: Noun phrases, Logical Form, Negative Polarity Items, Typology of *Wh*-questions