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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

Honors

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

Education

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

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
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.
- 2007-2010 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 Advanced Grant, 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 Panel Chair, Consolidator Grant, European Research Council
2014-2015 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, *Glott 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

- 2018 Co-organiser, LIBC Public Symposium *Daar zit music in* (with Claartje Levelt, Rebecca Shaefer)
- 2017 Co-organiser, Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW) (with Güliz Günez and Stella Gryllia).

- 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

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- 2018 Ruijgrok, Bobby. *Tapping into semantic recovery*.
- 2018 Yang, Yang. *The two sides of wh-indeterminates in Mandarin*.
- 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 Sambia. 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 Makuwa-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

- 2017 Van de Velde, Daan. *The processing of Dutch prosody with cochlear implants and vocoder simulations*.
- 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*.

UC IRVINE

- 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

- 2017 Klockmann, Heidi. *The design of semi-lexicality. Evidence from Case and agreement in the nominal domain*. Utrecht University.
 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 en 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

MA THESES

- 2017 Salm, van der, Mark. Transitioning from bottom-up to Top-down Syntax: evidence from speech production and sentence planning.
- 2017 Spaandonk, van, Dagmar. Complementation vs. Relativisation: a syntactic analysis of *that*.
- 2016 Martens, Gouming. Dutch partial exclamatives.
- 2012 Langendijk, Robin. Cartography and the semantic of focus.
- 2012 Ruijgrok, Bobby. The prosody of *wh*-in-situ in Mandarin Chinese.
- 2010 Griffiths, James. Clefts and VP-ellipsis in English.
- 2009 Willers, Patricia. Poverty of Stimulus: evidence from the intersection of child language acquisition and native speaker errors.
- 2008 Geschler, Gea. Syntactic Optionality.
- 2007 Komen, Erwin. Focus in Chechen.
- 2007 Kerr, Lindsey. The Syntax-phonology Interface: a prosodically-based look.
- 2006 Haan, den, Femmy. Adjective Position in Romance and Germanic Languages.
- 2005 Sjerp, Arlette. Spontaneous yet determined.
- 2005 Van Gerven Oei, Vincent. Inuit Case and Agreement.
- 2004 Schoorlemmer, Erik. Subjects in French Complex Inversion, an investigation into the left periphery.
- 2004 Souman, Agnita. "Die Feest Blijf Drie Dagen." Agreement Defaults In Second Language Acquisition.
- 2004 Vink, Marlies. DP in the Nederlandse Gebarentaal, een crosslinguistische vergelijking.

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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