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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-now 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 muziek in* (with Claartje Levelt, Rebecca Schaefer)
- 2017 Co-organiser, Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW) (with Güliz Güneç)

- 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 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

- 2017 Hendriks, Lotte. *Not another book on verb raising*.
- 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

- 2018 Liu, Jinhong. (Non)culminating causative accomplishments in Mandarin: experimental evidence. Université de Nantes.
- 2017 Liu, Zenghui. The development of prosodic focus-marking in early bilingual's L2: a study of Bai-Mandarin early bilingual's Mandarin. Utrecht University.
- 2017 Klockmann, Heidi. The design of semi-lexicity. 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 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.

PhD Theses, External Examiner

- 2019 Wu, Wei-Min. The syntax of aspectual deixis in Mandarin Chinese. University of York, U.K.
- 2018 Lam, Chit Yu. Negation and aspect: a comparative study of Mandarin and Cantonese varieties. University of Cambridge, U.K.
- 2018 Otting, Nadine Faye. An analysis of AABB reduplicated plurals in Mandarin Chinese. Hong Kong University.
- 2015 Niu, Fang Fang. Nominal Possession in Mandarin Chinese. Queen Mary University of London, U.K.