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MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ordinal numerals, generative syntax, cartography of DP, syntax-semantics interface, corpus linguistics

SECONDARY INTERESTS

- Morphophonology, dialectology, linguistic typology, Austronesian languages, wh-items and the left periphery, evolution of language

EDUCATION

- 2017.10 - **Goethe University**, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Institut für Linguistik
Ph.D. in Linguistics
Dissertation working title: *The syntax and semantics of ordinal numerals*
Advisors: Cecilia Poletto, Cécile Meier
- 2014 - 2017 **Leiden University**, Leiden, the Netherlands
Department of Linguistics
M.A. (Research) in Linguistics (cum laude)
Thesis title: *Ordinal Numerals in dialects of Dutch*
Supervisor: Sjef Barbiers
- 2011 - 2014 **Leiden University**, Leiden, the Netherlands
Department of Linguistics
B.A. in Linguistics (cum laude)
Thesis title: *Inversion of Preposition and Noun Phrase in Bidayuh*
Supervisor: Lisa Cheng

EMPLOYMENT

- 2016.09 – 2017.09 **Conference assistant**
Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, Leiden, the Netherlands
A selection of the events organized:
- 2017.06 LOT Summer School 2017 with Anikó Lipták, Gijsbert Rutten
2017.06 NACAL45 with Maarten Kossmann, Marijn van Putten, Ahmad Al-Jallad
2017.03 GLOW40 with Lisa Cheng, Anikó Lipták, Güliz Güneş
2016.12 After-HUGE Symposium with Ingrid Tiekens-Boon van Ostade
2016.10 Language Change in Epic Greek and other Oral Traditions with Lucien van Beek

- 2016.03 – 2016.12 **Research assistant**
 Meertens Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
 In the project ‘Language and Number’ with Professor Sjef Barbiers and Lisa Bylinina
 Main tasks: contributing to a typological database on number constructions, and supervising the other research assistants and interns
- 2015.09 – 2015.12 **Research intern**
 Meertens Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
 In the project ‘Language and Number’ with Professor Sjef Barbiers and Lisa Bylinina
 Main task: contributing to a typological database on number constructions

TEACHING

- FALL 2017 Biweekly reading group for Cecilia Poletto’s colloquium at Goethe University Frankfurt (LING-COLL-VAR)
- FALL 2016 Guest lecture for Sjef Barbiers (‘Accentgroep Moderne Taalkunde: Een bijzonder onderwerp’ at Leiden University, catalogue number 5583K93)
- SPRING 2016 Weekly tutorial Syntax 1 for Lisa Cheng (catalogue number 51V1027)

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019.09 “The superlative-internal ordinal in the Dutch and German DP.” Talk presented at SinFonJA 12, Masaryk University, Brno, Czechia.
- 2019.08 “The second best word order: How ordinals restrict superlatives and why it’s not reciprocated.” Talk presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2019.07 “Nominal numbers and numeral nouns.” Poster presented at the 3rd Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece.
- 2019.07 “Variation and its Limits in Ordinal-Superlative Order in Dutch.” Talk presented at the ATINER 12th Annual International Conference on Languages & Linguistics, Athens, Greece.
- 2019.05 “DP-internal modification: Ordering ordinals and superlatives in Dutch and German.” Poster presented at A Germanic Sandwich 2019, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2019.02 “Variation and its limits in ordinal-superlative order in Dutch.” Poster presented at IGG45, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy.
- 2018.06 “Ordinal numerals in dialects of Dutch.” Poster presented at TEAM 2018, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy.

COLLOQUIUM TALKS

- 2019.06 “Ordinals and cardinals in the DP: nominal numbers?” Talk in the Romanistics colloquium, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2019.06 “Modification by ordinal.” Talk at the Goethe University RTG retreat, Fulda, Germany.
- 2019.01 “Prenominal modifiers in Dutch: ordinals, cardinals, superlatives.” Colloquium talk at Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2018.11 “Prenominal modifiers in Dutch: ordinals and superlatives.” Colloquium talk at Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2018.06 “Ordering Ordinals.” Talk at the Goethe University RTG retreat, Fulda,

- Germany.
 2018.01 “Building ordinals from cardinals: suffixal variation in Dutch dialects.”
 Colloquium talk at Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019.03 “DP-internal modification: ordering ordinals and superlatives in Dutch and German.” Talk in the DeMiNeS Masterclass, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
 2018.01 “Ordinal numerals in dialects of Dutch.” Poster presented at the LOT Winter School, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
 2016.04 “Ordinal Formation in Standard Dutch and Dialects of Dutch.” Talk at the 10th Annual T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference, Leiden, the Netherlands.
 2016.01 “Ordinal suffixes in varieties of Dutch”. Poster presented at the LOT Winter School, Tilburg, the Netherlands.

MANUSCRIPTS

- 2016 “Ordinal Formation in Standard Dutch and Dialects of Dutch.” In: *TWISTx Proceedings*, pp.57-68. Available at <https://zenodo.org/record/58157#.XKJN95gzaUk>.
 2016 “Lexical restriction and D-linking in moved wh-phrases.” Term paper, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
 2015 “Why-like *what* in Chinese and Dutch.” Term paper, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
 2015 “Number as a resumptive feature clitic.” (with Barthe Bloom and Rachel Rubin). Term paper, Leiden University, the Netherlands.

PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

During PhD:

July 2019

3rd Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece
 Rajesh Bhatt & Winfried Lechner: *Intermediate Semantics*
 Kai von Stechow: *The Only class: Exclusives, Exceptives, Minimizers*
 Shigeru Miyagawa: *Human language in evolution: some key perspectives*, workshop organized by Shigeru Miyagawa (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

July 2018

2nd Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece
 Jim McCloskey & Tim Stowell: *Ellipsis*
 Kai von Stechow: *The Linguistics of Desire*
 Shigeru Miyagawa: *Language and Animal Communication in Evolution*
Linguistic Explorations beyond Language: Music, Dance and Visual Narrative, workshop organized by Pritty Patel-Grosz & Patrick Grosz (University of Oslo)

June 2018

Potsdam Summer School “Limits of Variability in Language”, Potsdam University, Germany
 Larry Hyman: *Morphophonological Variation in Bantu*
 Jenneke van der Wal: *Morphosyntactic variation in Bantu*
 Sjef Barbiers: *Introduction to Macroscale Microsyntactic Variation Research*

Marjo van Koppen & Jeroen van Craenenbroeck: *Discovering parameters: from micro- to macrovariation*

January 2018

LOT winter school, VU University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands:

Luigi Rizzi: *Cartography and explanation*

Roland Pfau: *Visible variation: Sign languages in typological perspective*

Michael Dunn: *From Lab to the World: Linking empirical typology to language evolution*

During MA:

January 2016

LOT winter school, Tilburg University, Tilburg, the Netherlands:

Mark Steedman: *Combinatory Categorical Grammar for Linguists*

Ewa Dabrowska: *Language in the mind and in the community*

Marcel den Dikken: *Structure Building and the Syntax of Filler*

Ben Hermans: *Mismatches between 'Phonetic' and 'Phonological' Syllables*

January 2015

LOT winter school, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands:

Evelina Fedorenko: *Language and Music*

Sjef Barbiers: *Macroscale Microsyntactic variation*

David Adger: *Phrase Structure and Functional Categories*

Rick Nouwen & Yaron McNabb: *Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics*