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Current position

Full professor of linguistics, Université libre de Bruxelles

Principal investigator of the [ACTE](#) research group

Professor II, University of Oslo

Visiting professor, Ca' Foscari University, Venice

Previous positions

2021-2024 Professor of linguistics, Université libre de Bruxelles

2016-2021 Associate professor of linguistics, Université libre de Bruxelles

2012-2016 Assistant professor of linguistics, Université libre de Bruxelles

2008-2012 Post-doctoral researcher, F.R.S.-FNRS

2010-2011 Associate Post-doctoral researcher, Institut Jean Nicod, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris

2004-2007 Research fellow, F.R.S.-FNRS

Education

2004-2007 PhD in Linguistics, Université libre de Bruxelles

2003-2004 Master of Philosophy in Linguistics, University of Cambridge

2001-2003 Licence ($\simeq$ MA) in Linguistics, Université libre de Bruxelles

1998-2001 Candidature ($\simeq$ BA) in Romance Philology, Université libre de Bruxelles

Commissions of trust

- Member of the editorial board of *Autism*, *Semantics & Pragmatics* and *International Review of Pragmatics*
- Expert for the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) and the Haut Conseil d'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur, France; F.R.S.-FNRS, Belgium; the Austrian Science Fund; the Israeli Research Foundation; United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation; Leverhulme Trust, UK; NWO, the Netherlands; European Research Council; Templeton Foundation; member of the European Science Foundation College of expert reviewers.
- Ad hoc reviewer for *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Autism*, *Autism & Developmental Language Impairments*, *Autism Research*, *Biological Psychiatry*, *Brain Research*, *Clinical Linguistics & Phonetics*, *Cognition*, *Cognitive Linguistics*, *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, *Developmental Review*, *Dialectica*, *Discourse Processes*, *Evolutionary Linguistic Theory*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *International Journal of Bilingualism*, *International Journal of Developmental Disabilities*, *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders*, *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, *Journal of Child Language*, *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Logic, Language and Information*, *Journal of Memory and Language*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Language Acquisition*,

Language in Contrast, Language Learning and Development, Lingua, The Linguistic Review, Linguistics, Linguistics and Philosophy, Logique et Analyse, Metaphor & Symbol, Mind and Language, Molecular Autism, Natural Language Semantics, PeerJ, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, PLOS ONE, Reading and Writing, Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders, SAGE Open Medical Case Reports, Science Advances, Sciences pour la communication, Scientific Reports, Synthese, Theoretical Linguistics, Emerald, John Benjamins, Cambridge University Press, Mouton De Gruyter, Oxford University Press & Palgrave.

Grants

- 2024-2028 Artificial Intelligence in Real Life: Human-LLM Communication – University of Oslo (with I. Falkum, N. Allott & P. Lison, 12 mNOK)
- 2024-2028 How do we understand machines that talk to us? Communication with Large Language Models – University of Oslo (with I. Falkum, N. Allott, P. Lison & J. Pollock, 9 250 kNOK)
- 2024-2028 Non-interactional bilingualism in autism, WelChange, F.R.S.-FNRS (297 K€)
- 2023-2024 Grant for research on language in autism, Périer-D'Ieteren Foundation (50 K€)
- 2022-2026 Belgian Language in Autism Cohort, Excellence of Science Grant (spokeperson and coordinator, with A. Destrebecqz, I. Noens & H. Roeyers, 4 M€)
- 2019-2022 Francqui Research Professor (3-year sabbatical)
- 2020-2021 Grant for research on language in autism, Périer-D'Ieteren Foundation (20 K€)
- 2021-2025 Principal investigator of the research project *Implicit learning and language in autism*, F.R.S.-FNRS (258 K€), in collaboration with A. Destrebecqz
- 2020-2021 *Maturation Fund*, Walloon Region (40 K€)
- 2018-2021 *Detecting Early Signs of Autism*, Foundation Roger de Spoelberch (420 K€)
- 2018-2021 *First Spin-off Grant*, Walloon Region (285 K€)
- 2017-2019 *A Center for Research on Autism Spectrum Disorder*, Foundation Jean-François Peterbroeck, Foundation Marie-Marguerite Delacroix, Foundation Lippens, Foundation Collinet and Foundation ULB (200 K€)
- 2017-2018 *Wearable eye-tracking and autism*, Fonds d'Encouragement à la Recherche and Foundation Van Buuren (42 K€)
- 2016-2018 *Language in high-functioning autism*, Foundation Jean-François Peterbroeck (100 K€)
- 2015-2018 *Context in autism*, Action de Recherche Concerté (ARC) 'Consolidator' project (240 K€) & Mandat d'impulsion scientifique, F.R.S.-FNRS (450 K€)
- 2014-2017 Co-principal investigator, with Napoleon Katsos (University of Cambridge): *The impact of bilingualism and bi-dialectalism on linguistic and cognitive development*, project supported by the Fondation Wiener-Anspach & the Isaac Newton Trust (240 K€)

- 2012-2016 Co-promoter, with Olivier Klein (Université libre de Bruxelles), of the projet *At roots of faith: an experimental approach of direct validation in communication*, mini-ARC (four-year grant for a PhD student)
- 2010-2011 Joint British Council/F.R.S.-FNRS travel grant with Mark Jary (Roe-hampton University)
- 2008-2011 Effective principal investigator of the project *Metacognition and Pragmatics in Children with Autism*, Fonds de la Recherche Fondementale Collective
- 2003-2004 Grantee of the Wiener-Anspach Foundation at the University of Cambridge

Public research contracts

- 2023 Data analysis, *After-school care sector in French-speaking Belgium*, Soralia asbl, Réseau Solidaris (15 K€)
- 2022-2027 Member of the steering comity and co-PI, *Medical research project CAP48: Autism spectrum disorder in childhood and adolescence*, RTBF, CAP48
- 2021-2022 *Inventorying the needs of disabled individuals in Brussels*, Government of the Brussels Region (65 K€)
- 2021-2022 *Designing a Brussels 'Autism House'*, Government of the Brussels Region (75 K€)
- 2018-2020 *Study on best practices for screening for learning disabilities*, Office de la naissance et de l'enfance (72 K€)

Current teaching

- General Linguistics I, BA
- General Linguistics II, BA
- Quantitative Methods in Linguistics, MA
- Collecting and Analysing Linguistic Data, MA
- Academic responsibility for the inter-university degree on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Supervision

Doctoral students

- Current* F. Beccaria; M. Belenger; C. Dumont; F. Papastamou; E. Perri;
- Completed* N. Ruytenbeek; M. Pantazi; E. Oshchtashenko; Ph. Geelhand; P. Maes; E. Clin; M. Weyland; G. Guitang; E. Miller

Post-Doctoral researchers

- Current* Ph. Geelhand; R. Iversen; P. Maes; M. Weyland
- Past* G. Deliens; B. van Tiel; G. Bochner; K. Antoniou; A. Veenstra; P. Maes

Institutional Responsibilities (Université libre de Bruxelles)

- 2019-2024 Vice-dean for Research, Faculty Letters, Translation and Communication
- 2021-2023 Director of studies of the Master in Linguistics
- 2017-2023 Academic referent for students with specific needs, Faculty Letters, Translation and Communication
- 2017-2020 Director of the Centre for Research in Linguistics
- 2012-2016 Member of the University Executive Board
- 2011-2015 Director of studies of the Master in Linguistics