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CURRENT POSITIONS

2017 – present **Professor of Dutch Language and Academic Communication**, Radboud University, Nijmegen. Department of Modern Languages and Cultures and Centre for Language Studies, Faculty of Arts.
2024 – present **Head of the Dutch Linguistics Section**, Faculty of Arts, Radboud University.
2025 – present **Member of the Steering Committee** for the national Dutch Studies funding programme, representing Radboud University.
2019 – present **Editor**, *Journal of Linguistics*, Cambridge University Press.
2016 – present **Editor-in-chief**, *Neerlandistiek*.

ACADEMIC CAREER

2017 – present Professor of Dutch Language and Academic Communication, Radboud University.
2024 – 2025 Holder of the Isabelle de Charrière Chair, Sorbonne Université, Paris. Visiting chair funded by the Netherlands Embassy in France in cooperation with the Dutch Language Union and the International Association for Dutch Studies.
1999 – 2025 Senior researcher, Meertens Institute, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam. Head of the linguistics department in 1999–2002, 2003 (interim), 2007–2008 and 2019–2022; leader of the research theme group *Language, Culture and Cognition* from 2012.
2007 – 2016 Professor of Phonological Microvariation, Leiden University. Endowed professor until 2012; subsequently an unremunerated full professor.
2013 – 2014 Fellow, National Library of the Netherlands and NIAS. Exploratory research into the possibilities of the digital humanities.
1997 – 2001 Endowed Professor of Interlinguistics and Esperanto, University of Amsterdam. Chair funded by the Esperanto in Education Foundation.
1997 – 1999 Postdoctoral researcher, Leiden University. NWO project *Asymmetries in Phonology*.
1997 Leverhulme Fellow, University of Essex.
1997 – 2006 Staff writer, Onze Taal Society, The Hague (0.2 FTE).
Visiting positions at the universities of Essex, Toronto, Amherst, Tromsø, Trondheim, Verona, Barcelona, Tübingen and Olomouc.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2024	University Teaching Qualification (UTQ), Radboud University, awarded 1 October 2024 through an accreditation-of-prior-learning procedure.
1991 – 1995	PhD in Linguistics, Tilburg University, <i>cum laude</i> . Thesis <i>Vowel Quality and Phonological Projection</i> , defended 16 October 1995; supervisor H. van Riemsdijk, co-supervisors B. Hermans and H. van der Hulst.
1987 – 1991	MA in Language and Literature, Tilburg University, <i>cum laude</i> . Specialisation in computational linguistics; thesis <i>The Syntax of a Language without Grammar</i> .
Inaugurallecures	<i>Spreeken voor leken in 45 minuten</i> , Radboud University, 25 October 2018. <i>De duivel zit in het verschil tussen d en t</i> , Leiden University, 12 September 2008. <i>Taal zonder geschiedenis</i> , University of Amsterdam, 9 April 1998.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

2024 – present	Head of the Dutch Linguistics Section , Radboud University. Full line-management responsibility for two teams: annual appraisals, social safety, promotion cases and staff planning during faculty-wide budget reductions.
2025 – present	Member, Steering Committee for the national Dutch Studies funding programme . Joint responsibility for a national spending plan of €1.76 million; portfolio lead for cluster D; project lead for the planned national professional-development centre for teachers of Dutch; member of development groups A, B, C and E. Drafted the Nijmegen spending plan (€277,287) and the faculty allocation for 2025–2026 (€162,500).
2025 – present	Founder and board member, Neerlandistiek Foundation (established 17 July 2025). Drafted the articles of association, editorial charter and funding model; annual budget approximately €90,000; secured recurring external funding.
2019 – 2022	Head of the linguistics department , Meertens Institute/KNAW; previous terms in 1999–2002, 2003 (interim) and 2007–2008.
2024 – 2027	Coordinator, Dudoc-Alfa , supporting the 2024 cohort of secondary-school teachers undertaking PhDs.
2021 – present	Secretary , LINGOA Foundation (Linguistics in Open Access).
2021	Chair of the review committee for the Dutch Language Union, appointed by the Committee of Ministers.
2018 – present	Board member; Secretary since 2024 , Council for Dutch Studies.
2022 – present	President , Esperanto Nederland.
2018 – present	Board member of the Foundation for the Promotion of Academic Dutch Studies and of the Amsterdam Foundation for Yiddish Lexicography; advisory board of Peitho, Radboud Centre for Rhetoric.
2010 – 2018	Member of the Works Council , Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.
2008 – 2014	Chair of the Research Master’s Programme in Linguistics, Leiden University.
2003 – 2019	Chair of the steering committee , Old-World Conferences in Phonology.
1999 – 2009	Co-opted board member, Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW).
2024 – 2026	Secretary, Beste-ID Foundation.

ADVISORY WORK, COMMITTEES AND REVIEW

2024 – 2028	Member of the Conseil Scientifique of the Maison des Sciences de l’Homme et de la Société Sud-Est (CNRS), France.
2025 – present	Member of the board of trustees of the Chair of Interlinguistics and Esperanto, University of Amsterdam.
2022 – present	Member of the Akademio de Esperanto (mandate to 2031); convenor of the working group on CEFR examinations.
2022 – present	Member of the Sector Council of the General Education Union (AOB).
2019 – present	Member of the national subject expertise team for Dutch, linking academic Dutch Studies to the school curriculum.
2020 – 2021	Dutch Language Union, Committee on Academic Dutch Studies.
2019	KNAW Committee on Dutch Studies.
2010 – 2014	External examiner, BA and MA in Linguistics, University College Dublin.
2015 – 2018	Coordinator, Phonological Theory Agora (CNRS network).
2007 – present	Advisory board, Manchester Phonology Meeting; Poznań Linguistic Meeting (2015–); Phonology and Phonetics in Iberia (2004–2007).
	Grant review for NWO (Netherlands), DFG (Germany, including Sonderforschungsbereiche), NSF (United States), CNRS (France), ANVUR (Italy), the Research Council of Norway and the AHRB (United Kingdom).
	Tenure and promotion evaluations for Yale, Rutgers, Toronto, Manchester, University College London, Leipzig and Crete, among others.
	Referee for journals including <i>Language</i> , <i>Lingua</i> , <i>Linguistics</i> , <i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i> , <i>Phonology</i> , <i>Probus</i> and the <i>Journal of Linguistics</i> , and for the WCCFL, GLOW, NELS and IGG conferences.

TEACHING

2026 – 2027	Radboud University: From Sound to Word; Sociolinguistics; The Language Canon; Dutch Studies in Society; RADAR Academic Language Proficiency; Bachelor’s thesis in Linguistics; Master’s thesis; Research Master’s thesis.
2025 – 2026	Radboud University: Phonology; From Sound to Word; Semantics and Morphology; The Language Canon; Writing for Non-Specialist Audiences (Dutch and English); RADAR Academic Language Proficiency; Bachelor’s thesis; Master’s thesis; Research Master’s thesis.
2018 – present	Regular courses at Radboud University: Phonology; The Language Canon; Writing for Non-Specialist Audiences; public engagement.
1998 – 2017	Teaching at all levels at Tilburg, Amsterdam (UvA and VU) and Leiden: phonology, morphology, history of linguistics, microvariation, interlinguistics, Optimality Theory, programming in Python.
Summerschools	LOT (Netherlands), EGG and Olomouc (Czech Republic), Barcelona and Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain), Leipzig and Stuttgart (Germany), Wrocław (Poland), Trondheim and Tromsø (Norway), Rhodes (Greece), Constanța (Romania), Verona (Italy), Leuven and Brussels (Belgium), Indiana (United States), Paramaribo (Suriname), Debrecen (Hungary).
Digital	MOOC <i>The Miracles of Human Language</i> (Leiden University/Coursera, 2015), more than 225,000 enrolled participants. Complete lecture series in phonology and morphology freely available; open textbook <i>Phonology</i> in progress; video lectures for a faculty minor

during the pandemic.

Qualification UTQ awarded 1 October 2024 following an accreditation-of-prior-learning procedure. The assessors noted thirty-two years of teaching experience, reflection on formats such as the flipped classroom, and students' particular appreciation of the safe learning environment and the sensitive handling of difficult subjects.

DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

More than thirty doctoral candidates supervised, twenty of them as principal supervisor. Member of PhD examination committees at Leiden, Amsterdam, Groningen, Utrecht, Nijmegen, Tromsø, Nice, London, Ghent, Rutgers and Toronto. Completed doctorates include:

- 2026 Heidi de Ruiter, *Close or Far Away? The Neighbouring Country in Dutch and German Regional Newspapers*.
- 2020 Mirella De Sisto, *The Birth of the Lamb* (with K. van Dalen-Oskam). · Semra Baturay.
- 2019 Virginia Beavon-Ham, *Saxwe Tone* (with M. Mous).
- 2018 Varún de Castro-Arrazola, *The Structure of Verse* (with J. Rooryck). · Nina Ouddeken, *Transition Areas in Dutch/German and Italian Dialectology* (with R. D'Alessandro). · MaartenJan Hoekstra.
- 2017 Bahar Soohani, *The Phonology of Three Balochi Dialects* (with M. Mous).
- 2015 Marijn van 't Veer, *Feature Co-occurrence Constraints in L1 Acquisition* (with C. Levelt). · Edoardo Cavarani, *Phonologization in Tuscan Dialects* (Leiden/Pisa; with G. Marotta and R. D'Alessandro). · Giuseppe Torcolacci, *Marking the Default* (with R. D'Alessandro).
- 2011 Björn Köhnlein, *Tone Reversal in Franconian* (with B. Hermans and P. Boersma). · Maike Prehn, *Vowel Quantity in Low Saxon* (with B. Hermans and P. Boersma).
- 2010 Mathilde Jansen, *Dialect Loss on the Island of Ameland* (with F. Hinskens). · Sandra Barasa, *Language, Mobile Phones and Internet in Kenya* (with M. Mous).
- 2007 Wim Jansen, *Woordvolgorde in het Esperanto* (with K. Hengeveld).
- 2006 Marcus van Dijk-Sikosek, *Die neutrale Sprache* (with D. Hellema).
- 2004 Francine Swets, *The Phonological Word in Tilburg Dutch* (with H. Bennis).
- 2003 Wouter Kusters, *Linguistic Complexity* (with P. Muysken). · Erik Jan van der Torre, *Dutch Sonorants* (with C. Ewen).
- 2002 Yan Zhuo, *Classical Chinese Verse Grammar* (with B. Hermans and H. van Riemsdijk).

EXTERNAL FUNDING

More than €2 million in research funding secured, including:

- 2013 *Maps and Grammar*, NWO — €750,000 (with S. Barbiers).
- 2007 *Kindersprache, Aphasie und Allgemeine Lautgesetze Revisited*, NWO — €400,000 (with C. Levelt and I. van den Heuvel).
- 2004 *Tone and Intrasegmental Structure in West-Germanic Dialects*, NWO — €250,000 (with P. Boersma and B. Hermans).
- 2004 *Intonation in Varieties of Dutch*, NWO — €250,000 (with C. Gussenhoven).
Taalportaal, coordination of the phonology component — approximately €200,000.
- 2015 *Watching Dutch Change*, NWO PhDs in the Humanities programme — €160,000.
- 2015 *The Birth of the Lamb*, KNAW — €160,000.

- 2012 *The Life Cycle of Liquids*, NWO — €150,000 (with F. Hinskens).
- 2012 *Metrics*, NWO — one postdoctoral and one doctoral position within J. Rooryck's *Knowledge and Culture* project.
- Phonological Changes in Maastricht* — €100,000.
- 2014 MOOC *The Miracles of Human Language*, Leiden University — €60,000.
- 2011 *Taaldetector*, NWO Meerwaarde — €40,000.
- 2015 *Phonological Theory Agora*, CNRS — €20,000.
- 1997 Individual postdoctoral position *Asymmetries in Phonology*, NWO; Leverhulme Fellowship, Leverhulme Trust.
- 2024 Dutch Research Agenda (NWA) science communication grant, 'Wat je zegt ben je zelf': citizen scientists and occupational language variation.
- 2025 – present Recurring funding for *Neerlandistiek*: €50,000 per year from a private foundation and €50,000 per year from the Radboud Fund; further applications pending with the Cultuurfonds.

HONOURS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2026 Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau (24 April 2026).
- 2025 Visser-Neerlandia Prize of the General Dutch Association (ANV), awarded to *Neerlandistiek* — as editor-in-chief.
- 2025 Scientific Member, Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (19 February 2025).
- 2022 Honorary (foreign) Member, Royal Academy of Dutch Language and Literature, Ghent.
- 2016 Honorary Member, Society of Dutch Literature, Leiden (20 May 2016; ordinary member since 2000).
- 2009 Finalist, Dutch Academic Annual Prize (KNAW/NWO), with a team of researchers and students, for the *Taaldetector* dialect app.
- 2005 LOT Lifetime Achievement Award for the popularisation of linguistics.
- 1996 AVT/Anéla Dissertation Prize, for the best linguistic dissertation of 1995.

Further memberships: Akademio de Esperanto (2022–), the Dutch Linguistics Society AVT (1990–), GLOW (1996–), Anéla (1998–), Societas Linguistica Europaea (2013–) and the International Association for Dutch Studies (2014–).

EDITORSHIPS

- 2019 – present Editor, *Journal of Linguistics* (Cambridge University Press).
- 2016 – present Editor-in-chief, *Neerlandistiek*; also a member of the editorial team of *Neerlandistiek voor de klas*.
- 2000 – 2013 Founder and editor-in-chief, *Neerlandistiek.nl* — the first open-access peer-reviewed journal in Dutch Studies.
- 1996 – 2016 *Neder-L*, electronic newsletter for Dutch Studies; editor-in-chief from 2011.
- 2014 – present Editor-in-chief, *Vaktaal* (International Association for Dutch Studies).
- 2023 – present Series editor, *Handboek Vakdidactiek Nederlands* and *Nederlands in het klein*.
- 2002 – present Editor of the newsletters *Taalpost* and *tlpst* (Onze Taal Society).

Editorial boards: *Phonology* (Cambridge University Press), *Glossa, Journal of Germanic Linguistics* (2022–), *Tijdschrift voor Nederlandse Taal- en Letterkunde* (2010–),

Linguistica Silesiana (2012–), *Verslagen en Mededelingen* of the Royal Academy of Dutch Language and Literature (2023–), *Cahiers d'études métriques / Journal of Metrical Studies* (2026–). Previously: *Lingua* (2013–2015), *Studies in Linguistic Variation, Language Problems and Language Planning* (editor 1998–2000, editorial board 2000–2017), *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* (editor 2002–2004).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

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| 2016 – present | <i>Neerlandistiek</i> : a daily platform for Dutch Studies, publishing some eight items a day; author of a column appearing on roughly three hundred days a year. Sub-editorial teams for Jong Neerlandistiek, Frisistyk, Nederlands voor de klas and Neerlandistiek Mondiaal. |
| 1997 – present | Regular contributor to <i>Onze Taal</i> ; since 2002 also editor of <i>Taalpost</i> (with Erik Dams). |
| 2004 – 2018 | Weekly radio column on language, Radio Noord-Holland. |
| 2015 | Universiteit van Nederland, <i>Hoe werkt taal?</i> — five popular lectures. |
| 2011 | <i>Taaldetector</i> , a dialectological app with some 50,000 users. |
| 2005, 2011 | Editorial board of television programmes on language (national) and on dialect (regional). |
| 1996 – 1999 | Founder and coordinator of Project Laurens Jz. Coster, the first online database of classical Dutch literature. |

BOOKS

Academic monographs. *Phonological Projection. A Theory of Feature Content and Prosodic Structure* (Mouton de Gruyter, 2000); *Fonologie. Uitnodiging tot de klankleer van het Nederlands* (with J. Kooij; Amsterdam University Press, 2003); *Morphological Atlas of the Dutch Dialects*, volume II (with T. Goeman et al.; Amsterdam University Press, 2009); *On Passing Time. Organising Time in Language* (National Library of the Netherlands, 2014); *Vowel Quality and Phonological Projection* (doctoral thesis, Tilburg, 1995).

Edited academic volumes. *The Derivational Residue in Phonological Optimality Theory* (with B. Hermans; Benjamins, 1999); *The Internal Organization of Phonological Segments* (with J. van de Weijer; Mouton de Gruyter, 2005); *Boundaries in Intonational Phonology* (with M. Horne; Blackwell, 2005); *Het morfologische landschap van het Nederlands* (with L. Cornips and G. de Schutter, 2006); *The Blackwell Companion to Phonology*, five volumes (with C. Ewen, E. Hume and K. Rice; Wiley-Blackwell, 2011); *Representing Structure in Phonology and Syntax* (with H. van Riemsdijk; De Gruyter Mouton, 2015); *Approaches to Metaphony in the Languages of Italy* (with F. Torres-Tamarit and K. Linke; De Gruyter Mouton, 2016); *Segmental Structure and Tone* (with W. Kehrein, B. Köhnlein and P. Boersma; De Gruyter, 2017); *Primitives of Phonological Structure* (with F. Breit, B. Botma and M. van 't Veer; Oxford University Press, 2023); *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* 37(3), special issue on Afrikaans (with F. Hinskens, 2025).

Education and pedagogy. *Zodat taal boeit. Inspirerende taalkunde voor in de klas* (edited with J. van Rijt; Pica, 2025).

For a general readership. *Atlas van het dialect in Nederland* (with K. Doreleijers, A. Kerkhof and S. Leufkens; Lannoo, forthcoming 22 September 2026); *Het dialectendoeboek* (with S. Wolff; Bornmeer, 2022); *Viraal Nederland. Taal en cultuur van de eerste golf* (edited with S. Wolff; Sterck & De Vreese, 2021); *Een mooie mengelmoes. Meertaligheid in de Gouden Eeuw* (with N. van der Sijs; Amsterdam University Press, 2018); *U als scheldwoord en andere taalverschijnselen* (De Kring, 2018); *Grappen, wijn, volgehouden mensenhaat en poëzie* (with R. Noë, 2018); *Heb je nou je zin!* (Bert Bakker, 2013); *Klankencyclopedie van het Nederlands* (electronic publication, 2013); *Dat is andere taal!* (with R. van den Berg, 2012); *Dialectatlas van het Nederlands* (with N. van der Sijs et al.; Prometheus, 2011); *Verandering en verloedering* (with H. Bennis and L. Cornips; Amsterdam University Press, 2004); *Een wereldtaal. Geschiedenis van het Esperanto* (Athenaeum—Polak & Van Gennep,

2004); *Taal van de Wadden* (with M. Jansen; Sdu, 2004); *Steenkolen-Engels* (L.J. Veen, 2002); *Rotterdams* (Sdu, 2002); *Computers en taal* (Sdu, 1999); *Tongval. Hoe klinken Nederlanders?* (Prometheus, 1996).

ARTICLES

More than 130 peer-reviewed articles in linguistics — phonology, dialectology, Optimality Theory, Germanic linguistics, metrics and interlinguistics — together with several dozen articles on Dutch language proficiency and language pedagogy. Google Scholar records approximately 2,900 citations and an h-index of 28 (August 2026). A selection from recent years:

- Van Oostendorp, M. & R. D'Alessandro (2026). The Darwinian Mind of the Machine: Rethinking LLM Training as Evolution. *Nordlyd* 49(1), 117–129.
- Zijlmans, A.H.M., R. van Hout & M. van Oostendorp (2026). Marking L2 Written Exam Answers in an EMI Context. *Journal of English as a Lingua Franca* 15(1), 103–127.
- Van Oostendorp, M. (2026). The CELEX Lexical Database: History, Structure, Applications, and Accessibility. In H. Nesi & P. Milin (eds), *International Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics* (3rd edn), 386–390. Elsevier.
- Van Oostendorp, M. (2025). Taal beschouwen met chatbots. *Tijdschrift voor Nederlandse Taal- en Letterkunde* 141(4), 350–368.
- Van Oostendorp, M. & F. Hinskens (2025). Guest Editors' Preface. *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* 37(3), 251–254.
- Wessel, N. & M. van Oostendorp (2025). From 'nijntje' to 'konijn'. New Methods for Analyzing Stress Pattern Acquisition. *Computational Linguistics in the Netherlands Journal* 14, 191–214.
- Van Oostendorp, M. (2025). Klimaatretorica in de klas. Ethisch overtuigen met Aristoteles. In Y. van Dijk & M.J. Klaver (eds), *Lezen voor waarden*, 91–101. Boom.
- Van 't Veer, M., B. Botma, F. Breit & M. van Oostendorp (2023). The Structure and Content of Phonological Primitives. In *Primitives of Phonological Structure*, 1–36. Oxford University Press.
- Van Oostendorp, M. (2022). Optimality Theory. In *The Oxford History of Phonology*, 551–568. Oxford University Press.

A complete list of publications is available on request.

LANGUAGES

Dutch (native). Fluent in English, French, German, Italian and Esperanto. Reading knowledge of Latin, Modern Greek, Norwegian and Catalan.