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PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cognitive Neuroscience of Language

Bilingualism and Language Policy

EDUCATION

2005 - present	Doctoral program in Linguistics , New York University
1998 - 2003	Linguistics (MA) <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , University of Amsterdam
2003 - 2005	Research Linguistics (MA) <i>Cum Laude</i> , University of Amsterdam
1998 - 2005	Spanish Language and Culture (MA) <i>Cum Laude</i> , University of Amsterdam
2004 - 2005	Internship Multilingualism Group, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
2001 - 2002	Erasmus exchange program , University of Seville, Spain
2000 - 2001	Second- and Foreign Language Acquisition , University of Amsterdam
1998 - 1999	European Studies , University of Amsterdam
1998	Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (Spanish as a foreign language)
1996 - 1997	Rietveld Art Academy , Amsterdam
1997	Diploma VWO , Montessori Lyceum Amsterdam, (prep. school for scientific education)
1990 - 1992	Royal Conservatory the Hague , The Netherlands (classical ballet academy)

FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS

2007	Graduate Students Present Award (shared with Hugh Rabagliati) Cognitive Neuroscience Society
2005 – 2006	Award for Talented Students , Ministry of Education, the Netherlands
2005 – 2010	MacCracken Fellowship , New York University
2001 – 2002	ERASMUS Fellowship , European Commission

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- In press Dikker, S., Rabagliati, H., Farmer, T.A., & Pykkänen, L. (in press). Early occipital sensitivity to syntactic category is based on form typicality. *Psychological Science*
- 2009 Dikker, S., Rabagliati, H., & Pykkänen, L. (2009). Sensitivity to syntax in visual cortex. *Cognition*, 110(3), 293-321
- subm. Dikker, S., & Indefrey, P. (submitted). Parsing code-switched sentences: experimental evidence on the processing of word order.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2008 Dikker, Suzanne (2008). Spanish prepositions in Media Lengua: redefining relexification. In: Stolz, Thomas, Dik Bakker & Rosa Salas Paloma (eds.). *Romancisation worldwide*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2006 Arends, Jacques, Verhagen, Josje, Van Lier, Eva H., Dikker, Suzanne, & Cardoso, Hugo. (2006). On the presence versus absence of morphological marking in four Romance-based creoles. With. In: Bhatt, Parth & Ingo Plag (eds.). *The structure of creole words: Segmental, syllabic and morphological aspects*. Tübingen: Niemeyer.
- 2005 Dikker, Suzanne & Van Lier, Eva H., (2005). The interplay between syntactic and contextual information: Agreement domains. In: Mackenzie, J. Lachlan and María de los Ángeles Gómez-González (eds.). *Studies in Functional Discourse Grammar (Linguistic Insights, 26)*. Berne: Peter Lang.
- 2004 Dikker, Suzanne (2004). On the whereabouts of gender and number agreement: location and accessibility. In: Hengeveld, Kees (ed.), *Morphology in Functional Discourse Grammar*. Working Papers in Functional Grammar, 79

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2004 Dikker, Suzanne (2004). Tomoyuki Kojima & Kimitaka Kaga (2003) [review], 'Auditory lexical-semantic processing impairments in aphasic patients reflected in event-related potentials (N400)'. In: *Afasiologie. Referatenblad voor Taalpathologie*, 26,2, maart-april 2004, pp. 44-45
- 2004 Dikker, Suzanne & Verrips, Maaïke (2004). Taalanalyse: een vak apart. [report on the scientific validity of language analysis as a method to determine the origin of asylum seekers] Published by and available through *De Taalstudio*
- 2002 Dikker, Suzanne (2002). El indefinido e imperfecto en el español como L2: El proceso de definición y perfección de una distinción aspectual. [The indefinite and imperfect in Spanish as a second language: defining and perfecting an aspectual distinction]. In: *Andalusischer Germanistenverband Magazin, Diciembre 2002*, pp. 22-32, edited by the Asociación de Germanistas de Andalucía (AGA) y la Federación de Asociaciones de Germanistas en España (FAGE).

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS/INVITED TALKS

INVITED TALKS

- 2009 Sensitivity to syntax in visual cortex. Invited guest lecture at the *Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences*, Leipzig, Germany, July 2009
- 2008 Syntax at 130ms: 3 MEG experiments. (based on collaboration with Hugh Rabagliati, Thomas A. Farmer & Liina Pykkänen). *Neurolinguistics and Imaging: Progress and Prospects Workshop*, NYU Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, December 2008
- 2008 *Automatic Processing of Natural Language Code Switching* (NSF funded SGER) Invited participation in workshop organized by the CADIM group. Tampa, FL, April 2008
- 2006 Levels of template-selection and look-ahead. *Functional Grammar Colloquium*, University of Amsterdam, June 2006

CONFERENCES - TALKS

- 2007 Sensitivity to syntax in visual cortex: an MEG study. With Hugh Rabagliati & Liina Pykkänen. Paper presented at the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting*, New York, NY, May 2007
- 2007 MEG reveals early sensitivity to phrase-structure violations in visual cortex. With Hugh Rabagliati & Liina Pykkänen. Paper presented at the *20th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. La Jolla, CA, March 2007
- 2006 Relaxation as a resolution for word order clash: Evidence from English-Dutch code-switching. Paper accepted for *Language Contact in Times of Globalization (LCTG 1)* University of Groningen, the Netherlands, September 2006
- 2006 The classification of Spanish prepositions: Evidence from Media Lengua. Paper presented at the *Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 36)*, Rutgers University, USA, March-April 2006
- 2005 On the collection of 'useful and reliable data'. Paper presented at the *7th Biennial Conference on Forensic Linguistics/Language and Law*, Cardiff University, UK, July 2005
- 2005 Language analysis as a method to determine national origin in asylum cases. Paper presented with Carolien van den Hazelkamp at the *Linguistics in the Netherlands day 2005 (TIN-dag)*, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, January 2005
- 2004 On the whereabouts of gender and number agreement: location and accessibility. Paper presented with Eva van Lier at the *11th International Conference on Functional Grammar (ICFG11)*, Universidad de Oviedo, Spain, Sept. 2004
- 2004 Los límites de la relexificación en una lengua bilingüe mezclada: preposiciones castellanas en la Media Lengua. Paper presented at the *Conference on Amerindian languages in contact with Spanish: linguistic and sociolinguistic issues*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 2004
- 2004a A unit-based approach to the representation of agreement morphology in Functional Discourse Grammar. Paper presented at the *Functional Grammar Colloquium*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, March 2004
- 2003 Morphological richness and formative context of four Romance-based creoles. Paper presented with Josje Verhagen, Eva van Lier, Hugo Cardoso, and Jacques Arends at the *International Workshop on the Phonology and Morphology of Creole Languages*, University of Siegen, Germany, October 2003

CONFERENCES - POSTERS

- 2009 Sensitivity to syntax in visual cortex: the role of form typicality. With Hugh Rabagliati, Thomas A. Farmer, and Liina Pykkänen. Poster presented at the *1st Neurobiology of Language Conference* Chicago, IL, October 2009
- 2008 Sensitivity to syntax in visual cortex: the role of phonological typicality. With Hugh Rabagliati, Thomas A. Farmer, and Liina Pykkänen. Poster presented at the *14th Annual Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 14)*. Cambridge, UK, September 2008
- 2008 Sensitivity to syntax in visual cortex: a manipulation of prediction strength and morphological type. with Hugh Rabagliati and Liina Pykkänen. Poster presented at the *21st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Chapel Hill, NC, March 2008
- 2007 Fine-graining structure prediction in sentence processing: How language mixing reveals an economic parser. With Peter Indefrey. Poster presented at the *20th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. La Jolla, CA, March 2007
- 2006 Incremental versus depth-first structure generation in parsing: Experimental evidence from word order patterns in code-switching. Poster presented at the *12th Annual Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 12)*, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, August-September 2006
- 2006 Disentangling incremental and top-down parsing: experimental evidence from VO/OV word order patterns in code-switching. Poster presented at the *19th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, City University of New York, USA, March 2006

WORK EXPERIENCE / EXTRA-CURRICULAR

TEACHING

- Fall 2009 Teaching Assistant, New York University
Course: **Neural Bases of Language** (Department of Linguistics)
- Fall 2008 Teaching Assistant, New York University
Course: **Neural Bases of Language** (Department of Linguistics)
- Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant, New York University
Course: **Language** (Department of Linguistics)
- Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant, New York University
Course: **Language & Society** (Department of Linguistics)
- Spring 2007 Teaching Assistant, New York University
Course: **Bilingualism** (Department of Linguistics)
- Fall 2006 Teaching Assistant, New York University
Course: **Cognitive Psychology** (Department of Psychology)
- Fall 2005-present Several guest lectures for NYU-taught courses on topics related to the cognitive neuroscience of language and/or bilingualism, language contact.
- 2001 - 2002 Private **teacher Dutch** as a foreign language. Seville, Spain.
- 2000 - 2001 **Joke Smit College**, Amsterdam.
Teacher Spanish as a foreign language.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Fall 2009-present **CUNY Graduate Center, Dept. of Urban Education/New York City Dept. of Education**
Researcher for "a study of NYC high schools with Latino bilingual students"
commissioned by the NYC DoE to Prof. Dr. Ofelia Garcia (CUNY Graduate Center)
- Summer 2009 **De Taalstudio**, Amsterdam
Researcher/consultant for practices related to language analysis in the determination of origin of asylum seekers
- 2008 **Random House**, New York
Proofreading/editing Dutch language course in Living Language series
- 2007 **Instituto Cervantes**, New York
Linguistic consultant for **De la... A la...**, a dance & language research project by
Choreographer Juan Dominguez
- 2007 **UNESCO**, New York
Assistant for various projects related to education and (urban) sustainable development
- 2006 **De Taalstudio (the Language Studio)**
Freelance staff member, Projects:
1) Language/linguistics quiz for high-school education;
2) Innovation logistics of communication between staff members and language analysis.
- 2004 - 2005 **International Committee of the Red Cross**.
Freelance editor, Project: Spanish version of educational CD-Rom on human rights,
designed for police academies.
- 2004 - 2005 **De Taalstudio** (www.taalstudio.nl), Amsterdam
Staff member, Main activity: language analysis in legal asylum procedures
(recruitment & evaluation linguists, editing language analysis reports, research projects)
- 2003 - 2004 **International Office**, University of Amsterdam
Student Assistant International Relations and Internships
- 2003 **Dept. of Linguistics and Literary Studies**, University of Amsterdam
Research Assistant
- 1999 **General Consulate of Colombia**, Amsterdam.
Assistant. Validation legal documents, translating / interpreting Spanish/Dutch.

1997 - 2002 **PCM Publishers**, Amsterdam.
Operator; editorial departments of newspapers *de Volkskrant*, *Het Parool* & *Trouw*

ACADEMIC SERVICES / MEMBERSHIPS (LINGUISTICS)

2007 - 2008 **Colloquium Committee** (member)
New York University, Department of Linguistics

2005 **Symposium: Language Analysis in asylum cases** (coordinator)
Celebrated at the *7th Biennial Conference on Forensic Linguistics/Language and Law*
(July 2005 Cardiff University, UK)

2005 **Kennislink.nl** (educational website)
Co-author/editor of Linguistics section (child language acquisition):
<http://www.kennislink.nl/web/show?id=130785>

2004 - present **Language and National Origin Group** (member)
'Guidelines for the use of Language Analysis in Relation to Questions of National Origin
in Refugee Cases' (e.g. www.iafl.org)

2004 - present **Linguistics Society of the Netherlands** (member)

2003 - 2005 **Program Committee (OC) Research Master in Linguistics** (member)
University of Amsterdam

October 2002 **Language Day** (Dag van de Talen), Studio Taalwetenschap.
Winner first prize *European Platform*, organizing committee

June 2002 **International Conference on Functional Grammar** (ICFG10),
Organizing committee

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Dutch	mother tongue
English	high level, active use on a daily basis
Spanish	high level, active use on a daily basis
German	passive knowledge
French	passive knowledge
Italian	passive knowledge