

## Lobke Aelbrecht

*Curriculum Vitae*

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### Personal data

Ghent University - GIST  
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### Professional areas

Specialization: Syntax, Dutch, English

Subspecialties: Ellipsis (gapping, sluicing, VP-ellipsis, IP-ellipsis, negative fragment answers, pseudogapping, British English *do*), Germanic languages, Dutch dialects, modal verbs, auxiliaries, VP topicalization, VP pronominalization, Dutch adpositions, PP doubling

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### Current position

Oct 2013 – Sept 2016

Postdoctoral research project at the Linguistics Department, Ghent University on a BOF-grant (Bijzonder Onderzoeksfonds – Extraordinary Research Fund): *The VP Ellipsis Mystery*.

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### Previous positions

Sept 2009 – Sept 2013

Post-doctoral research position at the Linguistics Department, Ghent University as part of the Odysseus project “Comparative Syntax. Layers of structure and the cartography project” (funded by FWO – Fund for Scientific Research).  
Project leader: prof. dr. Liliane Haegeman

Sept 2005 – Aug 2009

PhD-student at the Department of Linguistics & Literature, Catholic University of Brussels – University-College Brussels (research project funded by the Special Research Fund of the Catholic University of Brussels)

Advisors: prof. dr. Guido Vanden Wyngaerd and prof. dr. Jeroen van Craenenbroeck

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### Education

2003-2005     Master in Linguistics & Literature: Dutch & English, Catholic University of Leuven

MA Thesis: *NP or DP: a confrontation*  
Supervisor: prof. dr. Frank van Eynde

2001-2003 Bachelor in Linguistics & Literature: Dutch & English, Catholic University of Brussels

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### PhD Dissertation

2009 *You have the right to remain silent: The syntactic licensing conditions on ellipsis*. Ms. Catholic University of Brussel.

### Publications

#### BOOKS

2010 *The syntactic licensing of ellipsis*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, Linguistics Today Series.

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Under review With Will Harwood. To be or not to (be) elided: VP ellipsis revisited. *Journal of Linguistics*.

2013 Flying through Dutch Comparatives. *LISSIM Working Papers* 1.

2013 With Marcel den Dikken. Preposition doubling in Flemish and its implications for the syntax of Dutch PPs. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 16:1.

2012 With Liliane Haegeman. VP-Ellipsis is not licensed by VP-Topicalization. *Linguistic Inquiry* 43:4, 591-614.

2011 With Marcel den Dikken. Doubling PPs in Flemish dialects. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 29, 1-13.

To appear Ellipsis in negative fragment answers. *International Journal of Basque Linguistics and Philology*.

2008 Negatieverdubbeling in Vlaamse spreektaal. *Over Taal*, 47:1, 6-9.

2008 *Niemand nie* in Vlaamse spreektaal. *TABU* 26(3/4).

2006 IP-ellipsis in Dutch dialects. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 24, 1-13.

#### ARTICLES IN BOOKS

2012 With Liliane Haegeman and Rachel Nye. The privilege of the root. In *Main Clause Phenomena*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

- 2012 Modal complement ellipsis: VP ellipsis in Dutch? In P. Ackema, Rhona Alcorn, Caroline Heycock, Dany Jaspers, Jeroen Van Craenenbroeck & Guido Vanden Wyngaerd *Comparative Germanic Syntax: The State of the Art*, 1-34. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2011 *Agreeing to remain silent: The syntactic licensing of ellipsis*. In Patrick Grosz, Irene Heim, Pritty Patel and Igor Yanovich (eds), *Proceedings of the Conference of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS40)*, 1-16. GLSA Publications, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2010 Modal complement ellipsis: VP ellipsis in Dutch? *Linguistics Today: Proceedings of the Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop 23*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2008 Dutch modal complement ellipsis. O. Bonami & P. Cabredo Hofherr (eds.), *Empirical Issues in Formal Syntax and Semantics : Proceedings of the Colloque de syntaxe et sémantique à Paris 2007*, 7-34. URL: <http://www.cssp.cnrs.fr/eiss7/>.

#### EDITED VOLUME

- 2012 With Liliane Haegeman and Rachel Nye. *Main Clause Phenomena*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2008 With Dany Jaspers. *Proceedings of the Spring meeting of the Belgian Linguistic Society* (online).

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

A movement account of Dutch gapping. Ms. Catholic University of Brussels, 2007.  
 Movement and ellipsis. Ms. Ghent University, 2012.

## Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Nov 2013 Presentation at the Dag van de Nederlandse Zinsbouw, Groningen.
- May 2013 It wasn't elided, but it could have been: Optional deletion of auxiliaries under VP ellipsis. Together with Will Harwood. Workshop on ellipsis, University of Edinburgh.
- May 2013 It wasn't elided, but it could have been: Optional deletion of auxiliaries under VP ellipsis. Together with Will Harwood. Leiden Syntax Circle on ellipsis, University of Leiden.
- Jan 2013 It could have been elided, but it wasn't: Optional auxiliary deletion under VP ellipsis. Together with Will Harwood. University College London.
- Nov 2012 What ellipsis can do for phases and what it can't, but not how. Ellipsis conference, Vigo University.
- Oct 2010 Respondent to Marlies Kluck's paper "(On)enigheid in de rechterperiferie: de rol van identiteit en proximateit in Nederlandse achterwaartse conjunctiereductie". DNZ4, Hogeschool Gent.

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND MEETING PRESENTATIONS (BASED ON AN ANONYMOUSLY REVIEWED ABSTRACT)

- April 2013 It wasn't elided, but it could have been: Optional deletion of auxiliaries under VP ellipsis. Together with Will Harwood. CLS49, University of Chicago.
- Nov 2012 To be or not to (be) elided. Together with Will Harwood. New Researchers Forum on Linguistics, University of Manchester.
- Nov 2012 To be or not to (be) elided. Together with Will Harwood. Ellipsis conference, Vigo University.
- April 2012 To be or not to (be) elided: VP ellipsis revisited. Together with Will Harwood. SWIGG, Geneva University.
- June 2011 Preposition Doubling in Flemish Dialects. Together with Marcel den Dikken. CGSW 26, Meertens Institute Amsterdam.
- April 2011 Preposition Doubling in (Belgian) Dutch dialects. Together with Marcel den Dikken. CLS, University of Chicago.
- March 2011 Dubbel *op*: Doubling PPs in Flemish dialects. Together with Marcel den Dikken. Dutch Linguistics Workshop, Meertens Institute Amsterdam.
- Febr 2011 Movement or Ellipsis: What's the Difference?! Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, Sapienza Università Roma.
- March 2010 VP ellipsis and VP fronting: The common core. CGG 20, University of Barcelona.
- Nov 2009 *Agreeing to remain silent*: The syntactic licensing of ellipsis. NELS 40, MIT.
- June 2008 VP ellipsis in Dutch and English. CGWS 23, University of Edinburgh.
- May 2008 Ellipsis licensing as Agree. WCCFL, UCLA California.
- April 2008 Modal complement ellipsis as deletion. Colloquium in Generative Grammar, University of Lisbon.
- Jan 2008 Dutch modal complement ellipsis: deletion in narrow syntax. Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago.
- Oct 2007 Dutch modals with a null VP proform complement. *Colloque de syntaxe et sémantique à Paris*, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris.
- July 2007 Modal complement ellipsis in Dutch. BIDE07 Student Conference, University of Bilbao/Deusto.
- April 2007 Movement and ellipsis: An analysis of gapping. 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Conference on Formal Linguistics, Adam Mickiewicz University.
- Nov 2006 Stripping the gap: Stripping and gapping in Dutch. Syntax Aio Meeting, Tilburg University.
- July 2006 IP-ellipsis in Dutch dialect clefts. LIBILEM Student Conference, Stendhal University Grenoble.
- June 2006 Ellipsis and negative fragment answers. BIDE06 Student Conference, University of Bilbao/Deusto.

COLLOQUIUM TALK

- Dec 2011 Licensing silence: Capturing (limited) extraction in ellipsis. SyntaxLab, Leiden University.
- May 2010 You have the right to remain silent. Lingforum presentation, Ghent University.
- March 2008 Ellipsis is deletion: a case study. Workshop on Philosophy and Linguistics, University of Chicago.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- Febr 2013 VP ellipsis revisited: Optional deletion of non-finite auxiliaries. Together with Will Harwood. Linguistics in the Netherlands-day, Utrecht University.
- Febr 2011 Doubling PPs in Flemish dialects. Together with Marcel den Dikken. Linguistics in the Netherlands-day, Utrecht University.
- May 2010 On subjects in ACD in Dutch and German. Together with Uli Sauerland. GGS, FU Berlin.
- Febr 2010 Licensing VP fronting. TINdag, Utrecht.
- May 2008 Licensing ellipsis: Under which conditions can ellipsis take place. Dag van het Onderzoek, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.
- May 2007 “Hij wil wel, maar hij kan niet”: Modals without complements in Dutch. Spring meeting of the Linguistic Society of Belgium, University of Ghent.
- Febr 2007 A movement account of Dutch gapping. Linguistics in the Netherlands-day, Utrecht University.
- May 2006 Maybe that the main clause is missing: Clausal ellipsis in Belgian Dutch. Spring meeting of the Linguistic Society of Belgium, Catholic University of Leuven.
- Febr 2006 IP-ellipsis in Dutch dialect constructions. Linguistics in the Netherlands-day, Utrecht University.

## Teaching

- 2013 *Algemene Taalwetenschap* (General Linguistics, 2<sup>nd</sup> year BA-students). Together with Klaas Willems and Peter Lauwers. Ghent University.
- 2012 Comparative linguistics. How to do research in Generative Grammar. Guest lecture for the *Intensive Manama course*. Together with Karen De Clercq and Amélie Rocquet. Ghent University.
- 2011 Passiefwerking in Generatieve Grammatica (Passivisation in Generative Grammar). Guest lecture for *Language Systems* (3<sup>rd</sup> year BA-students). Ghent University.
- 2010 *The syntax of ellipsis*. Eastern European summer school on Generative Grammar (EGG), Romania.
- 2007-2008 *Writing Skills* as part of the course *English Proficiency* (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA-students). Catholic University Brussels.
- 2006-2007 *Generative Syntax: You have the right to remain silent* (3<sup>rd</sup> year BA-students). Together with Jeroen van Craenenbroeck). Catholic University Brussels.

## Administrative and organizational experience

- 2014 Co-organiser of *Cartography Workshop (GIST 7)*, Ghent University.
- 2013 Member of the selection committee for Praktijkassistent Italiaanse Taalkunde.
- 2012 Co-organiser of *Complementizer Agreement workshop and Subjects workshop (GIST 6)*, Ghent University.
- 2012 Co-organiser of *Parallels between the clausal and the nominal domain*. Workshop at the SLE Conference at Stockholm University.
- 2012 Co-organiser of *Relatives workshop (GIST 5)*, Ghent University.
- 2011 Co-organizer of *Polarity Emphasis: Distribution and Locus of Licensing (GIST4)*, Ghent University.
- 2011 Co-organiser of *Doubling workshop*. Workshop at the SLE Conference at Logroño University.
- 2011 Co-organizer of *Cartographic Structures and Beyond (GIST3)*, Ghent University.

- 2010 Co-organizer of *Conference on Main Clause Phenomena (GIST2)*, Ghent University.
- 2010 Co-organizer of *Conference on Anti-Locality and Snowballing Movement (GIST1)*, Ghent University.
- 2009 Co-organizer of *The Fourth Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics: Ellipsis (BCGL4)*, University-College Brussels (HUB).
- 2009 Co-organizer of *The Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop 24 (CGSW24)*, University-College Brussels (HUB).
- 2008 Co-organizer of *The First Brussels Conference on Natural Logic: Logic now and then*, University-College Brussels (HUB).
- 2008 Co-organizer of *The Third Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics: Trees and Beyond (BCGL3)*, University-College Brussels (HUB).
- 2008 Co-organizer of *The Spring meeting of the Belgian Linguistic Society*, University-College Brussels (HUB).
- 2007 Co-organizer of *The Second Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics: Alternatives to Cartography (BCGL2)*, Catholic University of Brussels/Arts & Sciences College, Vlekho Campus.
- 2007 Co-organizer of *The Fifteenth Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE XV)*, Catholic University of Brussels/Arts & Sciences College, Vlekho Campus.
- 2006 Co-organizer of *The First Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics: Quantification in the lexicon and in Syntax (BCGL1)*, Catholic University of Brussels/Arts & Sciences College, Vlekho Campus.
- 2006 Co-founder of the *Center for Research in Syntax, Semantics and Phonology (CRISSP)*, [www.crissp.be](http://www.crissp.be)

### Professional service

Reviewer for

*Linguistic Analysis*

*Linguistic Inquiry*

*Linguistics in the Netherlands*

*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

*Oxford University Press (OUP)*

*Lingua*

Member of

Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap (AVT – General Society for Linguistics)

Belgische Kring voor Linguïstiek (BKL – Linguistic Society of Belgium)

Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)

### Research visits

2005 Department of Linguistics, Leiden University. September-December.

2008 Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago. January-March

**Languages** (in decreasing order of proficiency)

Dutch (native), English, French, Italian

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## Referees

**prof. dr. Guido Vanden Wyngaerd**

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