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### EMPLOYMENT

#### SEPTEMBER '09

- PRESENT *Post-doctoral Researcher*  
University of Ghent (Department of English)  
FWO-funded project: Comparative Syntax: Layers of Structure and  
the Cartography Project  
(Principle investigator: Prof. Liliane Haegeman)  
( FWO/ 2009-Odyseus-Haegeman-G091409)

#### MAY '06

- AUGUST '09 *Post-doctoral Research Fellow*  
University College London (Department of Linguistics)  
AHRC-funded project: A Flexible Theory of Topic and Focus Movement  
(Principal investigator: Prof. Ad Neeleman)

*Academic Visitor (September – December 2008)*  
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Linguistics  
British Academy funded project: The syntax of topics in Japanese and Korean  
(Faculty sponsor: Prof. Daniel Büring)

### EDUCATION

2001 – 2005 **PhD in Linguistics**  
University College London  
Title of the thesis: *The Syntax of External Possession: Its Basis in Theta-theory*  
Supervisors: Prof. Ad Neeleman, Prof. Michael Brody  
University of Utrecht, the Netherlands  
Spent four months as a Marie Curie Research Fellow (Dec. 2003 – March 2004).

1999 – 2000 **M.A. in Syntax (Distinction)**  
University of Essex  
Dissertation title: *Analysing Verb Clusters in West Germanic Languages*.  
Supervisor: Dr. Claudia Felser

1995 – 1999 **B.A. in German and Linguistics**  
University College London  
Including a year abroad at Cologne University, Germany (1997-1998)

## CURRENT PROJECTS

- The syntax of topics and focus in Japanese and Korean
- The interaction between focus and negation [with Ad Neeleman]
- Acquisition of topic- and focus-movement by near-native speakers of English

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

In prep.     *The Syntax of Topic, Focus and Contrast: An Interface-based Approach*. Editor with Ad Neeleman. Book proposal has been accepted for publication by Mouton de Gruyter in their 'Studies in Generative Grammar' series.

### Journal Articles

- Submitted    Interpreting focus under negation. [with Ad Neeleman] Submitted to *Journal of Linguistics*.
- To appear    On the position of topics in Japanese. *The Linguistic Review* 30(1).
- 2008        Nonconstituent coordination in Japanese: a case of phonological reordering. *Linguistic Inquiry* 39, 345-354.
- 2005        Possessive and adjunct multiple nominative constructions in Japanese. *Lingua* 115, 1329-1363.

### Book Chapters

- In prep.     Word order variation and information structure in Japanese and Korean. In Neeleman, Ad & Reiko Vermeulen (eds.) *The Syntax of Topic, Focus and Contrast*.
- In prep.     Focus under negation. In Neeleman, Ad & Reiko Vermeulen (eds.) *The Syntax of Topic, Focus and Contrast*. [with Ad Neeleman]
- In prep.     The syntactic expression of information structure. In Neeleman, Ad & Reiko Vermeulen (eds.) *The Syntax of Topic, Focus and Contrast*. [with Ad Neeleman]
- To appear    Contrast in Japanese and Korean. In Folli, Rafaella, Christina Sevdali and Robert Truswell (eds.) *On Linguistic Interfaces II*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- To appear    Japanese. In Krifka, Manfred and Renate Musan (eds.) *The Expression of Information Structure*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2010        Non-topical *wa*-phrases in Japanese. In Folli, Rafaella and Christiane Ulbrich (eds.) *Interfaces in Linguistics: New Research Perspectives*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 135-148.
- 2009        [with Ad Neeleman, Elena Titov and Hans van de Koot] A syntactic typology of topic, focus and contrast. In van Craenenbroeck, Jeroen (ed.) *Alternatives to Cartography*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 15-51.

### Refereed Conference Proceedings

- To appear The syntax of ‘topic’ and ‘contrast’: a comparative approach to Japanese and Korean. *Japanese / Korean Linguistics* 20. Stanford: CSLI Publications,
- 2011 Contrastive focus and contrastive topic at the interface. In Simpson, Andrew (ed.) *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 62: Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 7)*, 317-332.
- 2009 On the syntax of external possession in Korean. In Takubo, Yukinori (ed.) *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 16. Stanford: CSLI Publications, 422-436.
- 2009 Topics, contrast and contrastive topics in Japanese. In Vermeulen, Reiko & Ryosuke Shibagaki (eds.) *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 58: Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 5)*, 361-372.
- 2006 Case and coordination in Japanese. In Baumer, Donald, David Montero and Michael Scanlon (eds.) *Proceedings of WCCFL 25*, Somerville, MA: Cascadia Proceedings Project, 417-425.
- 2005 Two types of multiple nominative constructions in Japanese. In *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, 305-319.
- 2002 Multiple nominative constructions in Japanese. In Cazzoli-Goeta, M., S. Pourcel and L. Van Espen (eds.) *Fifth Durham Postgraduate Conference in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics: Conference Proceedings*. pp. 224-233.

### Book Reviews in Journals

- 2010 Review of Malte Zimmermann & Caroline Fery (eds.) *Information Structure: Theoretical, Typological, and Experimental Perspectives*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. *Journal of Linguistics* 46: 759-764.
- 2005 Review of Yen-hui Audrey Li and Andrew Simpson (eds.) *Functional Structure(s), Form and Interpretation: Perspectives from East Asian Languages*. London / New York: Routledge, 2003. In *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 68. pp.187-189.

### Other Publications

- 2009 On the syntactic typology of topic marking: A comparative study of Japanese and Korean. In Scott, Kate & Beata Zacharska (eds.) *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 21. UCL, London. pp. 335-363.
- 2007 Japanese *wa*-phrases that aren’t topics. In Breheny, R. and N. Velegrakis (eds.) *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 19. UCL, London. pp.183-201.
- 2005 External possession in Korean. In Pearce, M. and N. Topintzi (eds.) *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 17. UCL, London. pp. 175-213.
- 2005 Non-constituent coordination in Japanese. In Harbour, D. (ed.) *Queen Mary, Occasional Papers Advancing Linguistics*.
- 2005 Some peculiarities of Japanese nominative. In *Papers in Linguistics of the University of Manchester*. pp.45-57.

- 2002        *Ga ga* constructions in Japanese. In Vermeulen R. and A. Neeleman (eds.) *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 14. UCL, London. pp. 417-456.

### **Edited Working Papers**

- 2009        [with Ryosuke Shibagaki] *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* 58: *Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Formal Altaic Linguistics (WAFL 5)*. 388 pages.
- 2003        [with Ad Neeleman] *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 15. UCL, London. 390 pages.
- 2002        [with Ad Neeleman] *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 14. UCL, London. 468 pages.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

- 2011        Interpreting focus under negation. Invited talk at the Leiden Syntax Lab, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands. 7 November.
- 2011        Interpreting focus under negation. [with Ad Neeleman] LAGB, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK. 7-10 September.
- 2011        The Syntax-Information Structure Interface in Korean. GLOW 34 [poster], University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. 28-30 April.
- 2010        Japanese and Korean contrastive topics at the interface. On Linguistics Interfaces II (OnLI II), University of Ulster, Belfast, U.K. 2-4 December.
- 2010        ‘Topic’ and ‘contrast’: A comparative approach to Japanese and Korean. The 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 7), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA. 29-31 October.
- 2010        Decomposing contrastive topics in Japanese and Korean. Japanese / Korean Linguistics 20, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. 1-3 October.
- 2010        Ways of marking topics: A typological perspective on Japanese and Korean. English Linguistics Society of Japan, 3rd International Spring Forum, Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan. 24-25 April. [This talk had to be cancelled last minute due to travel problems caused by the Icelandic ash cloud across Europe – handout available upon request.]
- 2010        Understanding the linguistic relevance of topicality: why *wa* is not a topic marker. Invited talk at the Linguistics Colloquium, Kanda University of International Studies, Chiba, Japan. 23 April. [This talk had to be cancelled last minute due to travel problems caused by the Icelandic ash cloud across Europe – handout available upon request.]
- 2010        A comparative approach to the syntax of topics in Japanese and Korean. The 20<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on Generative Grammar. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. 18-20 March.
- 2009        On the typology of topic marking: Case studies in Japanese and Korean. Invited talk at the University of Potsdam, Germany, 16 July.
- 2008        The particle *wa* and the syntax of topics in Japanese. Invited talk at the University of Southern California, U.S.A., 2 December.
- 2008        The particle *wa* and the syntax of topics in Japanese. Invited talk at Syntax and Semantics Seminar, University of California Los Angeles, U.S.A., 3 October.

- 2008 The distribution of topics in Japanese. Parallel session on Information Structure at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Linguistics (CIL 18), Seoul, Korea, 21-16 July.
- 2008 Topic, contrast and contrastive topics in Japanese. The 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, U.K., 23-25 May.
- 2008 The syntax of topic in Japanese. Panel session on Topicality at the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the German Linguistics Society (DGfS), Bamberg, Germany, 27-29 February.
- 2008 The syntactic distribution of contrastive topics in Japanese. Berkeley Linguistics Society 34 [alternate]. University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A., 8-10 February.
- 2007 The particle *wa* and the syntax of topic in Japanese. Invited talk at Graduate Seminar, University of Oxford, U.K., 22 October.
- 2007 On the topic of *wa*-phrases in Japanese. Linguistics Association of Great Britain, King's College London, U.K., 29 August - 1 September.
- 2007 Non-topical *wa*-phrases in Japanese. On Linguistic Interfaces (OnLI), University of Ulster, Belfast, U.K., 1-3 June.
- 2007 Japanese *wa*-phrases that aren't topics. Invited talk at Information Structure and Syntax Workshop, Queen Mary, University of London, U.K., 23-25 February. [with Ad Neeleman and Kriszta Szendrői]
- 2006 Licensing external possession in Korean. International Conference on East Asian Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada, 10-12 November.
- 2006 On the syntax of external possession in Korean. Japanese / Korean Linguistics 16, Kyoto University, Japan, 7-9 October.
- 2006 Case and coordination in Japanese. WCCFL 25, University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A., 28-30 April.
- 2005 External possession and (non-)affectedness in Korean. Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of Cambridge, U.K., 31 August - 3 September.
- 2004 Two types of multiple nominative constructions. The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A, 27-29 February.
- 2004 Two types of multiple nominative constructions. Trans Seminar in Syntax and Semantics, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, 11 February.
- 2003 Possessive and adjunct multiple nominative constructions in Japanese. Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of Sheffield, U.K., 14 - 16 April.
- 2003 Possessive and adjunct multiple nominative constructions in Japanese. The 12th Manchester Postgraduate Linguistics Conference, University of Manchester, U.K., 12 April.
- 2002 *Ga ga* constructions in Japanese. Doctoral Workshop on Japanese Linguistics, University of Oxford, U.K., 15-21 September.
- 2002 Multiple nominative constructions in Japanese. Fifth Durham Postgraduate Conference in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Durham, U.K., 7-8 June.

## TEACHING

*All at University College London, unless indicated otherwise.*

- 2008      Lecturer: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar B’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA / MA in Syntax)
- 2007      Lecturer: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar B’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA / MA in Syntax)  
Lecturer: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar A’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA / MA in Syntax)
- 2006      Lecturer: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar B’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA).  
Lecturer: ‘Aspects of Meaning in Language’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA), Queen Mary, University of London.
- 2005      Lecturer: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar B’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA).
- 2003      Teaching Assistant: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar B’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
Lecturer: Prof. Ad Neeleman.
- 2002      Teaching Assistant: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar A’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
Lecturer: Prof. Ad Neeleman.
- 2002      Teaching Assistant: ‘Syntax for MA Students’ (MA in Linguistics)  
Lecturer: Prof. Michael Brody.
- 2002      Teaching Assistant: ‘Intermediate Generative Grammar B’ (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA)  
Lecturer: Dr. Peter Ackema.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2008      British Academy Small Research Grant  
Awarded for travel and subsistence for a four month academic visit (Visiting Postdoc) to the University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- 2008      UCL Graduate School Research Projects Fund  
Awarded for travel and subsistence for a four month academic visit to the University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A. (declined in favour of the British Academy award above)
- 2008      British Academy Overseas Travel Grant  
Awarded to present a paper at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Linguists, Parallel Session on Information Structure, Korea University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2008      UCL Graduate School Staff Travel Grant  
Awarded to present a paper at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Linguists, Parallel Session on Information Structure, Korea University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2006      UCL Graduate School Staff Travel Grant  
Awarded to present at the International Conference on East Asian Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2005      Travel grant from the 1<sup>st</sup> European Conference on Korean Linguistics  
Awarded to present at this conference, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- 2003      Marie Curie Pre-doctoral Fellowship of the European Union.  
Awarded for a four month academic visit (Visiting PhD Research Fellow) to the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands.

2001 -  
2004 Overseas Research Students Awards  
Awarded to cover part of my tuition fees.

## OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Reviewer for:
  - *Journal of Linguistics*
  - *Lingua*
  - *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
  - *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*
  - *Syntax*
  - Arts and Humanities Research Council
- Conference / workshop organiser for:
  - Cartographic structures and beyond, Ghent University, 12- 13 May 2011
  - Conference on Main Clause Phenomena, Ghent University, 29 September – 1 October 2010
  - Anti-locality and snowballing in June, Ghent University, 24-25 June, 2010
  - Workshop on interface-based approaches to information structure, UCL, 13-16 September 2008
  - Alumni reunion conference, UCL, 8 September 2003
- Supervisor for MA dissertation:
  - 2007: Sophie Lin: *Interpretational Ambiguity in Chinese Resultative Constructions*
- Examiner for upgrade examinations (university-internal examination for graduate students to progress from MPhil to PhD candidature)
  - 2008: Axiotis Kechagias, *VOS in Modern Greek: Syntax & Information Structure*
  - 2008: Nikolaos Velegrakis, *Exploring the structure of Greek polydefinites*
  - 2007: Hui Cao, *On dou 'all' and you 'have' in Mandarin Chinese*
  - 2006: Matthew Reeve, *The English cleft construction and its relation to the restrictive relative*
  - 2006: Takumoto Suda, *Resultatives in Japanese*
- Organiser of fortnightly UCL Seminars in Linguistics, 2001-2002

## LANGUAGES

English (native), Japanese (native), German (conversational), Dutch (beginner), Korean (beginner)