

# JOACHIM KOKKELMANS

Curriculum Vitæ

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Birthplace: Brussels (Belgium)

Birthdate: 19 July 1995

Current position: [Ph.D. student at the University of Verona \(3<sup>rd</sup> year out of 3\)](#)

My Ph.D. project, joint supervised by [B. Alber](#), [P. Boersma](#), [S. Hamann](#) and [A. Vietti \(UniBZ/UvA\)](#), aims: 1) to constitute a typological database of sibilant inventories as well as sound shifts which target sibilants in natural languages; 2) to build a universal typology, based on Optimality Theory and Neural Networks, which predicts the possible sibilant inventories; 3) to compare the ability of several phonological frameworks (OT, NN, ADT, DFT) to generate accurate universal typologies.

## Education

- Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (German - Scandinavian Studies)  
July 2017 | [Ghent University \(uGent, Belgium\)](#)  
Obtained *summa cum laude* (871/1000). Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the category 'German'.
- Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (German - Swedish)  
July 2016 | [Ghent University \(uGent, Belgium\)](#)  
Obtained *magna cum laude* (781/1000).
- Erasmus exchange  
August - December 2015 | [University of Bergen \(UiB, Norway\)](#)  
Obtained A in all courses, including oral and written exams in *nynorsk* Norwegian.
- High school diploma  
June 2013 | [Institut Saint-André \(Brussels, Belgium\)](#)  
Bilingual education: 1/3 of lessons in Dutch, 2/3 of lessons in French.

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# Languages

## Certified

- **German:** Tyrolean *Zweisprachigkeitsprüfung* (bilingualism exam)  
September 2019 | Bozen/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)  
Obtained C1.
- **Italian:** Tyrolean *Esame di bilinguismo* (bilingualism exam)  
September 2019 | Bolzano/Bozen (South Tyrol, Italy)  
Obtained C1.
- **English:** International English Language Testing System (IELTS)  
May 2019 | Brussels (Belgium)  
Obtained 7.5/9 (C1).
- **Dutch:** *Certificaat Nederlands als Vreemde Taal (CNaVT)*  
May 2013 | Brussels (Belgium)  
Passed the test *Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs (B2)*.  
'Father tongue' (spoken with the paternal family) and language of 9 years of lower as well as higher education.

## Not certified

- **French:** Native language and language of 10 years of education.
- **Eys Limburgish** (South Lower Franconian dialect): Spoken at home since 2015.
- **Norwegian:** Learnt and spoken daily during the Erasmus exchange (see [Education](#)).  
Written competence in both *nynorsk* and *bokmål*, though *nynorsk* is dominant.
- **Swedish:** Studied during 4 years of university.
- **Danish:** Passive speaker. Able to hold conversations (with a few 'Norwegianisms').
- **Old Norse** and **Visigothic:** Studied at university. Able to read texts and understand the main content.

# Publications

## Peer-reviewed

Joachim Kokkelmans (2020a). “Middle High German and modern Flemish s-retraction in /rs/-clusters”. In: *German and Dutch in Contrast: Synchronic, Diachronic and Psycholinguistic Perspectives*. Ed. by Gunther Vogelaar, Dietha Koster, and Torsten Leuschner. Vol. 11. Konvergenz und Divergenz. Berlin/New York: De Gruyter, pp. 213–238.

Joachim Kokkelmans (2018). “Elvis Presley, God and Jane: the Germanic proprial article in a contrastive perspective”. In: *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax (WPSS)* 100. Ed. by Johan Brandtler, pp. 64–98.

## Not peer-reviewed

Joachim Kokkelmans (2020b). “Postalveolaire klanken in het dialect van Eys en hun belang voor de taalkunde: Wat e paar wöët op et plat òs kenne vertelle övver algemeng klankwette”. In: *Veldeke Jaarboek 2019*. Ed. by Pierre Bakkes, Peter Klein, and Ton van de Wijngaard. Roermond: Vereniging Veldeke Limburg, pp. 149–173.

[In Dutch; on the sibilant inventory of the Limburgish dialect of Eys]

## Reviews

Joachim Kokkelmans (2019a). “Recensione di *Les frontières linguistiques du ladin dolomitique*, by Sylvia Thiele”. In: *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia* 43. Ed. by Roland Bauer, pp. 339–340.

Joachim Kokkelmans (2019b). “Recensione di *Palatal obstruents in two Rhaeto-Romance varieties: acoustic analysis of a sound change in progress*, by Stephan Schmid and Stefano Negrinelli”. In: *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia* 43. Ed. by Roland Bauer, pp. 346–347.

Joachim Kokkelmans (2019c). “Recensione di *'Zeta' di frontiera: confronto tra giovani Bolzanini italofoeni e germanofoni*, by Chiara Meluzzi”. In: *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia* 43. Ed. by Roland Bauer, pp. 357–358.

Joachim Kokkelmans (2019d). “Recensione di *Die deutschen Sprachinseln der Zimbern und Fersentaler in Norditalien. Konservativität, Innovation und Kontakt im Lautsystem*, by Birgit Alber”. In: *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia* 43. Ed. by Roland Bauer, pp. 358–359.

## Theses

Joachim Kokkelmans (in prep.). “Sibilant nec merguntur: A Synchronic and Diachronic OT Typology of Sibilant Inventories in the World’s Languages”. PhD thesis. University of Verona.

Joachim Kokkelmans (2017). “Die Achillesfersche einer Lautverschiebung im Vollzug. Postalveolarisierung, Retroflektierung und r-Schwund bei /rs/ in flämischen Umgangssprachen und den germanischen Sprachen, sowie deren Beziehung zu den Aussprachearten von /r/”. MA thesis. Ghent University.

## Posters and presentations at linguistics conferences

2020: Poster presented at the LOT Winter School (Tilburg, The Netherlands)

2019: Poster presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> Manchester Phonology Meeting (MfM, Manchester, United Kingdom)

2018: Presentation with B. Alber and S. Rabanus held at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE, Tallinn, Estonia)

2018: Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the *Associazione Italiana Scienze della Voce* (AISV, Bozen/Bolzano, Italy)

2017: Poster presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Manchester Phonology Meeting (MfM, Manchester, United Kingdom)

## Organisation of linguistics conferences

- Co-organiser of the 16<sup>th</sup> Old World Conference on Phonology (OCP XVI).  
16-18 January 2019 | Verona (Italy)
  - Creating and managing the website of the event
  - Responsible e.g. for budget projections, visual design and technical support
  - Reviewing
  - Chair of an invited speaker session

## Invited talks

- 2020 (delayed because of COVID-19): Talk at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland (Department of French Studies), titled *Germanic influences in Belgian French: A general linguistic overview and an OT analysis of placename adaptation*
- 2020: Talk at the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SOciety for Typological Analysis (SOTA), Eckerd College (FL, United States of America), titled *The Typology of Sibilant fricative and affricate inventories in Optimality Theory*
- 2019: Talk at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the SOciety for Typological Analysis (SOTA), University of Verona (Italy), titled *Sibilant Inventories at the Crossroads between Faithfulness, Markedness and Stringency*
- 2018: Talk at the Arctic University of Norway (UiT), titled *The Typology of Morphosyntactic Alignment: A Learnability Experiment and OT Analysis*

## Experience

- Volunteer work: PoS-tagging in the [Corpus of Historical Low German \(CHLG\)](#)  
3-14 April 2017 | Ghent (Belgium)  
Contributing to a PoS-tagged corpus of historical Low German texts under the supervision of [Anne Breitbarth](#). Software used for PoS-tagging: [CorA](#).
- Student job: [Fraunhofer-Institut für Produktionstechnik und Automatisierung \(IPA\)](#)  
1-31 August 2016 | Stuttgart (Germany)  
Creating a web interface mapping the Stuttgart buildings and offices of the Institute, allowing to simulate possible relocation options and to perform calculations based on these scenarios. Made in HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Ajax and Javascript.
- Student job: PoS-tagging in the [ConverGENTiecorpus](#)  
February - May 2015 | Ghent (Belgium)  
Contributing to a written language PoS-tagged corpus containing 7 languages. Formatting and editing the German and French texts of the corpus.
- Volunteer work: [Belgian Red Cross](#)  
December 2015 - April 2016 | Brussels (Belgium)  
Teaching French, Dutch and German to refugees residing in the WTC Tower.
- Student job: [Institut Saint-André](#)  
March 2015 - May 2015, January 2016 - May 2016 | Brussels (Belgium)  
Paedagogic assistance to high school students in Latin, maths, Dutch, science, etc.
- Volunteer work: Leader in a scouts organisation  
September 2014 - July 2019 | Brussels (Belgium)  
Leader of a group of +/- 40 girls aged between 8 and 12 years old during three years, then of 13 youths aged between 17 and 18 years old. Organiser of a [scouts camp in Eastern Hungary](#) with the youths and Roma children.
- Volunteer work: Redaction committee of [KRAS](#)  
September 2013 - June 2017 | Brussels (Belgium)  
Working on the course contents of this Dutch-speaking youth parliament initiative.

# Skills

## Programming and computer skills

- Web design and web programming (creating websites with [HTML](#), [CSS](#), [PHP](#), [SQL](#), [Ajax](#) and [Javascript](#)). Examples of achievements:
  - Creating a web interface for Fraunhofer-IPA Stuttgart (see [Experience](#))
  - Creating the website [Linguistics in Verona](#) in PHP and the website [OCP XVI](#) in Wordpress for the University of Verona
  - Creating an own website to play [Hnefatafl](#) (a strategy game) with friends
- [PRAAT](#): advanced scripting and experimental design. Examples of achievements:
  - Programming user-friendly perception experiments in the *demo* window
  - Detecting and automatically extracting speech segments in audio data
  - Programming buttons and menus inside Praat to perform recurrent tasks
  - Creating games runnable in the *demo* window (e.g. DJPraat, Probability Game)
- Basic knowledge of Python, VBA, regular expressions and Excel formulas
- Able to use [OTWorkplace](#) (software for the analysis of OT typologies), to write macros, regular expressions and custom functions for candidate evaluation
- Text editing (presentations, articles, dissertation) in [L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X](#)
- Able to use statistical and mathematical methods applied to linguistics (e.g. t-tests, normal distributions, Probability Theory; [R \(software\)](#), [JASP \(software\)](#))

## Distinctions and awards

- [Ailie Donald Scholarship](#) (declined in order to accept the Ph.D. position at the University of Verona)

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