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Interests Semantics, pragmatics, psycholinguistics, focus & information structure, prosody, anaphora, cognitive modeling, reading, question semantics, (free choice) disjunction

Education

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| 2018– | PhD Linguistics, UC Santa Cruz
Expected completion date: June 2023
Thesis: <i>Alternatives in context: Investigations on the processing of focus</i>
Committee: Drs. Amanda Rysling, Maziar Toosarvandani & Matt Wagers |
| 2016–2018 | MSc Logic (<i>cum laude</i>), University of Amsterdam
Track: Logic and Language.
Thesis: <i>Coordinating questions</i> (with Dr. F. Roelofsen) |
| 2013–2016 | BA Linguistics (<i>cum laude</i>), Radboud University Nijmegen
with a minor in Artificial Intelligence.
Thesis: <i>From SOV towards SVO</i> (with Dr. S.A.M. Lestrade) |
| 2012–2015 | BA Philosophy, Radboud University Nijmegen
with electives on Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Cognition.
Thesis: <i>Polysemy and the generative lexicon</i> (with Prof. dr. L.B.W Geurts) |
| non-degree program | 2021 Graduate Pedagogy Fellows certificate
Supports the development of peer leaders in higher education pedagogy |

Publications

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| journal | under review | M. Hoeks. Focus and contrastive topic in questions affect answerhood conditions via the QUD. <i>Semantics and Pragmatics</i> . |
| | under revision | M. Hoeks , M. Toosarvandani and A. Rysling. Decomposing the focus effect: Evidence from reading. <i>Journal of Memory and Language</i> . |
| | under revision | T. Schmitz, J. Dotlačil, M. Hoeks , R. Nouwen and J. Winkowski. Semantic accessibility and interference in pronoun resolution. <i>Glossa Psycholinguistics</i> . |
| proceedings | to appear | M. Hoeks , J. Pesetsky, D. Özyıldız and T. Roberts. Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries. <i>Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 32</i> . |
| | 2021 | M. Hoeks The role of focus marking in disjunctive questions: A QUD-based approach. <i>Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30</i> : 654-673. |

- 2019 **M. Hoeks** and Roelofsen, F. Coordinating questions: The scope puzzle. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29*: 562-581.
- 2019 **M. Hoeks**. Focus alternatives in alternative questions. *Proceedings of the European Summer School for Logic, Language and Information*.
- manuscripts **M. Hoeks**, G. Lisowski, J. Pesetsky & A. Cremers. Experimental evidence for a semantic account of free choice disjunction.
- 2018 **M. Hoeks**, Coordinating questions. *Master of Logic Thesis Series*.
- edited volumes 2020 A. A. Hedding and **M. Hoeks** (eds). *Syntax and Semantics at Santa Cruz (SASC), Volume IV*

Talks ○ conference presentations

- invited 2019 **M. Hoeks**. Inquisitiveness Below & Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB3), Amsterdam. Invited talk on *Focus alternatives in alternative questions*.
- peer-reviewed 2023 L. Balachandran, **M. Hoeks**, N. Van Handel, A. Rysling. California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), UCLA. Long talk on *Top-down expectations vs. bottom-up information in prosodic memory*.
- 2022 **M. Hoeks**, J. Pesetsky, D. Özyıldız and T. Roberts. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT32), COLMEX/UNAM. Talk on *Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries*
- 2022 **M. Hoeks**, J. Pesetsky, D. Özyıldız and T. Roberts. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), Queen Mary University of London. Poster presentation on *Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries*
- 2021 T. Schmitz, J. Dotlačil, and **M. Hoeks**. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Université de Paris. Short talk: *Are negative quantifiers accessible?*
- 2021 **M. Hoeks**, M. Toosarvandani & A. Rysling. 34th Annual CUNY Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Short talk on *Decomposing the focus effect: evidence from reading*
- 2020 **M. Hoeks**. Semantics & Linguistic Theory (SALT), Cornell University. Oral presentation on *Focus alternatives in the derivation of disjunctive questions*
- 2019 **M. Hoeks**. ESSLLI Student Session, Riga. Poster presentation on *Focus alternatives in alternative questions*
- 2019 **M. Hoeks** & F. Roelofsen. Semantics & Linguistic Theory (SALT), UCLA. Poster presentation on *Coordinating questions: The scope puzzle*.
- 2018 **M. Hoeks** & F. Roelofsen. Semantics & Philosophy in Europe (SPE), Barcelona. Presentation on *Disjoining questions*

- 2018 **M. Hoeks** & J. Dotlačil. 31st Annual CUNY Conference, Davis. Poster presentation *On the resolution of anaphoric relations in discourse*
- 2017 A. Cremers, **M. Hoeks**, J. Pesetsky & G. Lisowski. Colloque de Syntaxe et Semantique a Paris (CSSP). Presentation on *Experimental Evidence for a Semantic Account of Free Choice Disjunction*
- 2017 **M. Hoeks** & G. Lisowski. Trends in Interdisciplinary Studies (TIS). Presentation on *Modeling the Dynamics of Moral Beliefs in a Social Setting*
- 2017 **M. Hoeks** & G. Lisowski. 13th edition of the Philosopher's Rally, Wroclaw . Presentation on *Modeling the Dynamics of Moral beliefs in a Social Setting*.
- 2017 **M. Hoeks**, G. Lisowski, J. Pesetsky & A. Cremers. 53rd edition of the Chicago Linguistic Society. Presentation on *Experimental Evidence for a Semantic Account of Free Choice*.

o reading groups & colloquia

- 2023 **M. Hoeks**. University of Ottawa. Invited colloquium talk on *Alternatives in formal semantics: Converging evidence from intonation in questions and reading*.
- 2021 **M. Hoeks**, D. Özyıldız, J. Pesetsky & T. Roberts. UMass Semantics Workshop, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Invited talk on *Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries*.
- 2021 **M. Hoeks**. UMass Semantics Workshop, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Invited talk on *Processing focus: Bridging reading measures and semantics*.
- 2020 **M. Hoeks**. Semantics U-name-it at Rutgers (SURGE), Rutgers University. Invited talk on *Which alternatives matter? A QUD-based approach to disjunctive questions*.

o organized workshops

- 2022 **M. Hoeks** & A.A. Hedding (co-organizers). *Competence Meets Performance: New Perspectives on Information Structure*. Organized workshop during the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting.

o local events

- 2021 **M. Hoeks**. Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC), UCSC. Presentation on *Alternatives in different dimensions: the case of disjunctive questions and quexistentials*.
- 2018 **M. Hoeks**. Graduate Research Symposium, UCSC. Presentation on *Decomposing the focus effect: Evidence from reading*.
- 2018 **M. Hoeks**. Inquisitive Semantics Seminar, ILLC, Amsterdam. Presentation on *Clause type marking & Coordination in Inquisitive Semantics*.

- 2018 **M. Hoeks**. Inquisitive Semantics Reading Group, ILLC, Amsterdam. Presentation on *Unary connectives & questioning speech acts*.
- 2017 **M. Hoeks** & J. Pesetsky. Grammar and Cognition Colloquium, Nijmegen. Presentation on *Experimenting with Free Choice Disjunction*
- 2017 **M. Hoeks**. Inquisitive Semantics Seminar, ILLC, Amsterdam. Presentation on *Free Choice: Experimental Evidence*.
- 2016 **M. Hoeks**. Lab Lunch Seminar Center for Language Studies, Nijmegen. Presentation *Pronouns as referring expressions: audience design or similarity-based interference?*

Teaching o UC Santa Cruz

as primary instructor	spring 2022	<i>Psycholinguistics I</i> , BA Linguistics at UC Santa Cruz	
	fall-winter 2021	<i>Pedagogy of Linguistics</i> , PhD Linguistics at UC Santa Cruz	
as teaching assistant	winter 2023	<i>Semantics II</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. H. Li
	fall 2022	<i>Pragmatics</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. J. H-K. Law
	summer 2022	<i>Invented Languages</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. P. Anand
	winter 2022	<i>Semantics II</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. J. H-K. Law
	spring 2021	<i>Syntax II</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. I. Sichel
	winter 2021	<i>Language & Cognition</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. M. Kroll
	fall 2020	<i>Semantics I</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with J. Vincent
	summer 2020	<i>Phonology I</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. A. Rysling
	spring 2020	<i>Intro to Linguistics</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. J. H-K. Law
	winter 2020	<i>Semantics I</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with prof. dr. A. Brasoveanu
fall 2019	<i>Syntax I</i> , BA Linguistics (UCSC)	with dr. P. Anand	

o University of Amsterdam

as teaching assistant	fall 2017	<i>Computational Logic</i> , BA Artificial Intelligence	with dr. A Baltag
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o Radboud University Nijmegen

as teaching assistant	spring 2018	<i>Logic</i> , BA Philosophy	with H. Vroomen
	fall 2017	<i>Logic</i> , MA Philosophy	with prof. dr. R. van der Sandt
	fall 2015	<i>Statistics II</i> , BA Linguistics	with dr. F. van der Slik
	fall 2015	<i>Statistics I</i> , BA Linguistics	with dr. F. van der Slik

Other positions

as research assistant	2019	Linguistics Department, UCSC On cognitive modeling for formal semantics	with prof. dr. A. Brasoveanu
	2017-2018	Institute for Logic, Language & Computation, UvA On processing of anaphoric relations in discourse	with dr. J. Dotlačil

	2017	Linguistics Department, RU Correcting and typesetting manuscripts	with prof. dr. P. Muysken
as intern	Winter 2018	<i>Time in Translation</i> project, Utrecht University On <i>when</i> -questions and the present perfect	with prof. dr. H. de Swart
	Fall 2017	Research group <i>Grammar and Cognition</i>, RU On the gender effect & the choice of referring expressions	with dr. P.J.F. de Swart

Service

organising	2021-2022	Co-organizer LSA Annual meeting Organized Session: <i>Competence Meets Performance: New perspectives on information structure</i>
	2020-2021	Co-founder & organizer of <i>Semantics at UMass & Santa Cruz (SUMSC)</i>
	2019-2021	Co-coordinator of <i>SPLAP!</i> , Department of Linguistics, UCSC
	2019-2020	Coordinator of <i>S-Circle</i> , Department of Linguistics, UCSC
	2018	Co-founder & organizer <i>Inquisitive Semantics</i> reading group, ILLC
	2017	Volunteer organization <i>Amsterdam Colloquium</i>
committees	2015	Volunteer organization <i>Philosophers' Rally Conference</i> , RU Nijmegen
	2019-2020	Chair Transportation Committee <i>Linguistics Department</i> , UCSC
	2018-2019	Member Events Committee <i>Linguistics Department</i> , UCSC
	2017-2018	Member Programme Committee <i>Master of Logic</i> , ILLC
	2017-2018	Member <i>MoL-room</i> Committee, ILLC
reviewing	2013-2014	Financial Committee <i>F.C. Sophia</i> , Philosophy Study Association, RU Nijmegen
		<i>ESSLLI Student Sessions</i>
		<i>Amsterdam Colloquium</i>
editing		<i>California Annual Meeting in Psycholinguistics (CAMP)</i>
	2019-2020	<i>Syntax and Semantics at Santa Cruz (SASC)</i>
other	2015-2016	Independent Philosophical Magazine <i>Splijtstof</i>
	2020	Area expert <i>ESSLLI Student Sessions</i>

Summer schools

2019	ESSLLI Summer School, Riga
2019	CreteLing Summer School, Rethymno
2017	ESSLLI Summer School, Toulouse

Grants, Awards & Fellowships

2022	Jorge Hankamer Outstanding Graduate Instructor in Linguistics Award
2020	Graduate Pedagogy Fellows Fellowship
2019	ESSLLI Fee and Accommodation Grant
2019	CreteLing Accommodation Grant
2018	Regents Fellowship, UCSC
2017	ESSLLI Fee and Accommodation Grant
2017	Travel Grant <i>Chicago Linguistic Society</i> (LoLa research group, ILLC)

Languages



fluent	R, \LaTeX
intermediate	Python
rusty	C++, Perl, SPSS
beginner	html, Processing



native	Dutch
fluent	English
developing	French
passive	German, Latin