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IDENTITY INFORMATION

Nationality: Belgium

Date of birth:

December 14, 1990

Current occupation:

Research professor

Full bibliography through [Lirias](#). See also my [ORCID iD](#) and my [personal page](#).

EMPLOYMENT

Current position

2022–27	Research professorship (tenure track) – KU Leuven (funder: Special Research Fund, KU Leuven)
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Previous positions

2021–22	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow – University of Oslo (funder: European Commission)
2020–22	Senior Postdoctoral Fellow– KU Leuven (funder: Research Foundation – Flanders [= FWO])
2017–20	Junior Postdoctoral Fellow – KU Leuven (funder: FWO)
2013–17	PhD Fellow – KU Leuven (funder: FWO)

GRANTS – FELLOWSHIPS – AWARDS

2025	“Anna Meschini Pontani” International Prize for Greek Philology // Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (€5,000)
2023	C1-Project Grant (supervisor) // KU Leuven (€570,000) * “The art of code-switching: Latin and Greek in Erasmus’ (net)works”, with Toon Van Houdt ERC Starting Grant (principal investigator) // European Research Council (€1,500,000) * ERASMOS: “From Chrysoloras’ Latin to Erasmus’ Greek: Renaissance classical bilingualism as a European phenomenon (1397-1536)” FWO Senior Project Grant (supervisor) // FWO (€530,000) * “From Hellas to Haarlem: New Ancient Greek literature on the cultural scene of the early modern Low Countries (ca. 1484–1700)”, with Reinhart Ceulemans Eos Pipet Laureate Laureate of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts (€10,000) BOFZAP Starting Grant (main applicant) // KU Leuven (€110,000) * “Code-switching in Neo-Latin literature during the early age of printing (ca. 1470–1550): Latin between Greek and the vernaculars in the multilingual Low Countries” Research Professorship (BOFZAP-mandate) // KU Leuven * Research program “Code-switching in Neo-Latin literature during the early age of printing (ca. 1470–1550): Latin between Greek and the vernaculars in the multilingual Low Countries” (in the Latin Literature Research Group) Medium-Scale Research Infrastructure Grant (co-supervisor) // FWO (€631,986) * “STUDIUM.AI – Datafying the ‘webs of knowledge’ around the Old University of Leuven” 2021 Research Council Award in the Humanities & Social Sciences // KU Leuven (€25,000) * This award is intended “as a token of recognition and to encourage young promising researchers at KU Leuven” and was granted for my research program “A dead language resuscitated? Ancient Greek in early modern culture and scholarship” 2020 Infrastructure Project Grant (co-supervisor) // KU Leuven (€36,700) * Funding for “A collaborative relational database infrastructure for Humanities Researchers” Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship // European Commission (€214,158.72) * 2-year scholarship in the Horizon 2020 program // project: “Between migration and linguistics: Greeks in Western Europe and the emergence of contrastive grammar in the Renaissance (c.1390–1600)” (score: 97,20%) (supervisor: Han Lamers / mentor: Unn Falkeid) LOT Popularization Award 2019 // LOT – Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics * Award for the KU Leuven initiative Scholar@School, in which scholars go to high schools to present their research

- Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship** // Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
 * 3-year scholarship at KU Leuven // project: “Language comparison and emancipation: The pivotal role of Ancient Greek in Renaissance language studies (ca. 1390–1600)” (hosts: Toon Van Hal & Pierre Swiggers)
- [[**Postdoctoral Fellowship** // British Academy (£408,306.09)
 * 3-year scholarship offer for the project: “Establishing the classical tradition in the UK: Students of Greek in Renaissance England (ca. 1460–1600)” at King’s College, London (mentor: Edith Hall)
 * offer declined, since it was impossible to combine this fellowship with the MSCA and FWO fellowships]]
- 2019** **Seal of Excellence** // European Commission
 * Official acknowledgment of scientific quality for a proposed research project at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in the framework of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions 2018 (score: 87,80%)
- 2018** **Vivien Law Prize** // The Henry Sweet Society for the History of Linguistic Ideas (£100/book/membership)
 * Prize for the essay “From koine to standard: The early modern making of a key linguistic concept”
- C1-Project Grant (co-supervisor [2018-22] & supervisor [2022-23])** // KU Leuven (€367,000)
 * Project: “‘Ad fontes!’ in the classroom: Teaching Latin, Greek, and Hebrew texts in the early modern southern Low Countries”
- Travel Grant** // Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (€6,864 + travel costs)
 * Travel grant for long research stay at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens [Oct 2018–Feb 2019]
- Martin Burr Award** // The Henry Sweet Society for the History of Linguistic Ideas (£500)
 * Award obtained to help funding the Erasmus’ Dream team and exhibition
- 2017** **Junior Postdoctoral Fellowship** // Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
 * 3-year scholarship at KU Leuven // project: “The cross-linguistic application of grammatical categories: The early modern genesis of a contemporary problem, with specific reference to the relevance of ‘typically Ancient Greek’ categories (ca. 1470–1800)” (hosts: Toon Van Hal & Pierre Swiggers)
- 2016** **Herzog-Ernst-Stipendium** // Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (€1,100)
 * Grant for research at Forschungszentrum & -bibliothek Gotha (Universität Erfurt) [Apr–May]
- Scaliger Fellowship** // Scaliger Institute, Leiden University (€1,000)
 * Grant for research at Leiden University Library [Aug–Sep]
- 2015** **Travel Grant** // Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (€2,508 + travel costs)
 * Travel grant for long research stay at University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada) [Oct–Nov]
- Prix Chanoine Marcel Hofinger** // UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve (€1,250)
 * Triennial prize for best MA thesis on a topic within Ancient Greek philology, history & archeology (years 2010–13)
- 2013** **PhD fellowship** // Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
 * 2x2-year scholarship at KU Leuven // project: “‘Language’ and/vs. ‘dialect’ in early modern linguistic thought: concept formation and empirical underpinnings, with special reference to the ancient Greek background”
- MAIN EDUCATION¹**
- 2013–17** **PhD in Linguistics** // KU Leuven (no grade awarded in agreement with university policy)
 * supervisors: Toon Van Hal & Pierre Swiggers
- 2012–13** **MA Linguistics & Literature, Ancient Greek–Latin** // UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve (*summa cum laude* / curriculum in French)
 * Additional courses on Classical Armenian, Hittite, Old Church Slavonic, Sanskrit, Tocharian A
- 2011–12** **MA Linguistics & Literature, Ancient Greek–Latin** // KU Leuven (*summa cum laude*)
MA General Linguistics // KU Leuven (*summa cum laude*)
- 2008–11** **BA Linguistics & Literature Ancient Greek–Latin** // KU Leuven (*summa cum laude*)
 * Sep 2010–Feb 2011: Erasmus exchange at Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece [curriculum in Modern Greek]
- 2002–08** **Ancient Greek–Latin curriculum** // Kardinaal Van Roey-instituut, Lille & Vorselaar (*summa cum laude*)
- Degrees as working student: BA History (KU Leuven, 2017) & MA History (Ghent University, 2018)**

¹ All curricula were in Dutch, unless indicated otherwise.

EXTRACURRICULAR COURSES & SUMMER SCHOOLS

2022	IANLS Digital Humanities Vacation School // Universität Bonn
	Literary Studies & DH Summer School // Leiden University, KU Leuven, Université de Liège
2021	Digital Text Editing // LECTIO, KU Leuven
2019	Science Communication Workshop // University of Antwerp
2017	Start to Teach // KU Leuven
2016	HiSoN Summer School on Historical Sociolinguistics // Leiden University, the Netherlands
2015	Summer School on Digital Humanities // KU Leuven
2014–17	Modern Greek Language Course (B1) // CLT, Leuven
2013–14	German Language Course (B2) // CLT, Leuven
2011	Summer School on Mycenaean & Slavic Linguistics // Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

MODERN LANGUAGES

Dutch	native command	Greek	good command (B1)
English	good command	Italian	basic command
French	good command	Spanish	basic command
German	relatively good command (B2)		

SUPERVISION (SINCE 2017)*** Supervision of 7 PhD students**

- ✚ Xander Feys (Classical Studies / FWO PhD fellowship; 2017–24)
- ✚ Adriaan Demuyne (Classical Studies / FWO PhD fellowship; since 2022)
- ✚ Manou Vermeire (Classical Studies / C1-project KU Leuven; since 2023)
- ✚ Isabelle Maes (Classical Studies / ERASMOS ERC-StG; since 2024)
- ✚ Mariia Timoshchuk (Classical Studies / C1-project KU Leuven; since 2024)
- ✚ Alessandro Bonvini (Classical Studies / ERASMOS ERC-StG; since 2024)
- ✚ Dries Nijs (Classical Studies / FWO Senior Project; since 2024)

*** Co-supervision of 4 PhD students**

- ✚ Maxime Maleux (Linguistics / FWO PhD Fellowship; 2018–23)
- ✚ Jasper Eeckhout (Philosophy / FWO Junior Project; since 2022)
- ✚ Liese Dictus (Classical Studies / FWO Senior Project; since 2024)
- ✚ Laura Truzzu (Theology / FWO PhD Fellowship; since 2025)

*** Supervision of 4 postdoctoral researchers**

- ✚ Dr. Andy Peetermans (Latin Literature / Special Research Fund; 2022–24)
- ✚ Dr. Flavio Massimiliano Cecchini (Latin Literature / ERASMOS ERC-StG; 2024–28)
- ✚ Dr. Simon Smets (Latin Literature / FWO Junior Postdoctoral Fellowship; 2024–27)
- ✚ Dr. Xander Feys (Latin Literature / ERASMOS ERC-StG; 2024–25)

*** BA paper and MA thesis (co-)supervision (22 students in total) related to:****(1) Classics and Renaissance studies:**

- * Latin–Greek code-switching in Cicero’s letters (BA);
- * Latin–Greek code-switching in Erasmus’ *Praise of Folly* (BA);
- * Latin–Greek code-switching in ancient Latin poetry (BA);
- * Lucian’s *Lis consonantium* (BA);**
- * learning Attic in the Second Sophistic (BA);
- * Petrarch’s *Epistolae familiares*, with particular attention the letters to Cicero (BA);
- * verbs in graffiti from Pompeii (BA);
- * the particle *pou* (που) (MA);**
- * Angelo Poliziano’s study of Greek (as co-supervisor) (MA);**°
- * Petrus Nannius’ *Declamatio de bello Turcis inferendo* (MA);**°
- * Rutger Rescius’ life and (net)work (MA);°
- * OCR of Ancient Greek texts (MA);°
- * Jean-François Noël’s ethics (MA);**
- * automatic poetry generation in Latin (as co-supervisor) (MA);
- * Henry de Vocht and Erasmus (MA);

(2) early modern history:

- * quintuple Croaticide in the village of Lille in 1625 (as co-supervisor) (MA);

(3) communication studies (language profiling in modern travel guides).

- * *The papers followed by two asterisks have led to peer-reviewed papers. Papers marked by ° indicate that the student authoring the paper has chosen to pursue a PhD.*

* Co-supervision of an education research assignment on postclassical Latin

TEACHING²

- 2024–...** **Lecturer-in-charge** of the course: “Neo-Latin: Language and Literature” (*Neolatijn: taal en literatuur*)
- 2023–24** **Lecturer-in-charge** of the courses: “Neo-Latin: Language and Literature” (*Neolatijn: taal en literatuur*); “Latin Linguistics III: Synchronic Approach” (*Latijnse taalkunde III: synchrone benadering*); “History of Latin Literature” (*Geschiedenis van de Latijnse literatuur*)
- 2022** **Invited lecturer** at the LECTIO summer school “STUDIUM: Students, Scholars and their Books in Antiquity, Middle Ages and Renaissance” (September 5-6)
- 2021** **Invited teacher & coordinator** of a course on the history of linguistics at the LOT Summer School (online from KU Leuven, June 28-July 2), tailored to research master and PhD students in linguistics
Invited guest lecturer at the University of Graz for the course *Wissenschaftsgeschichte der Linguistik*, taught in English as *The history of linguistics: A survey in myths* according to my own design
- 2017–24** **Recurring guest lecturer** in the MA course *History of humanism and Neo-Latin literature*
- 2017–21** **Substitute lecturer** for several courses on Latin and Greek linguistics, both BA and MA level
Collaborator in the courses *History of Western linguistics* and *Classical linguistic theories* (both MA level)
- 2015** **Guest lecturer** in the MA courses *Schools & Universities* and *Master’s thesis seminar*, both in English as part of the MA Medieval & Renaissance Studies
- 2014–16** **Collaborator** in several BA courses on Greek linguistics & literature
- 2012–14** **Guest lecturer** on different topics, including evidentiality, in several courses on Greek linguistics, both BA and MA level

(CO-)ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2026** **ERASMOS+ Summer School on Latin-Greek bilingualism** (Leuven, July 12-18)
HellBel Conference (Leuven, July 8-10)
Neolatinistendag (Leuven, March 29)
- 2025–26** **Young Researchers on New Ancient Greek and Neo-Latin Studies** (online seminar series, co-organized with the University of Ioannina and the Democritus University of Thrace)
- 2025** **International LECTIO XIV Conference**: “Representing the Human and Animal Body: The Art and Languages of Medicine from Antiquity to the Present” (Leuven, December 9-11, main organizer with Mattia Mantovani)
ERASMOS+ Workshop: “Classical bilingualism in the early modern languagescape: Interactions of Latin with Greek and beyond” (at IANLS XIX, Aix-en-Provence, July 14-20)
Conference: “New Perspectives on Neo-Latin Correspondences during the Early Modern Period” (Leuven & Louvain-la-Neuve, May 6-7; with Farah Mercier as main organizer)
- 2024** **Workshop**: “ERASMOS and NLP” (at KU Leuven, Leuven, November 27-28)
Workshop: “Celebrating the new Janus Secundus edition” (at KU Leuven, Leuven, November 15, with Marcus de Schepper)
- 2023–...** **Annual IJsewijn Lecture & Laboratorium** (end of May)
- 2023** **LECTIO Summer School** on Premodern Multilingualism (at the Old Abbey of Kortenberg, September 4-5, with Beatrijs Vanacker)
- 2022** **Workshop**: “Latin–Greek code-switching in early modernity” (at KU Leuven, Leuven, October 13-14, with William Barton)
Workshop: “Neo-Latin and *Neualtgriechisch*: Restored symbiosis or artificial tandem?” (at IANLS XVIII, Leuven, July 31-August 5)
Workshop: “Migration and linguistic knowledge: Premodern perspectives” (hybrid event at University of Oslo, Oslo, April 27, with Alessandro Palumbo)
- 2021** **Workshop**: “How to investigate student notes from the Renaissance (ca. 1400–1600)?” (online from Leuven, May 20-21 & 27-28 – [recordings](#))
Online lecture: Alexander Maxwell, “The ‘political’ and the language–dialect dichotomy, or fact-checking Noam Chomsky” (online from Oslo/Leuven/Graz, June 21 – [recordings](#))

² Unless indicated otherwise, all courses were at KU Leuven, in Dutch, and in the Language & Literature (Greek/Latin) curriculum.

- Workshop:** “The cross-linguistic applicability of grammatical categories” (at ICHoLS XV, online from Milan, August 23-27)
- 2017 Workshop:** “Approaches to dialectal variation from antiquity up to modern times” (at ICHoLS XIV, Paris, August 28–29)
- International LECTIO conference:** “The impact of learning Greek, Hebrew, and ‘Oriental’ languages on scholarship, science, and society” (at KU Leuven, December 13–15, with Erika Gielen)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2023–...** **Academic coordinator of *Magister Dixit*** (KU Leuven)
- Director of the [Seminarium Philologiae Humanisticae](#)** (KU Leuven)
- 2022–...** **Host** of numerous international LECTIO, Seminarium, and DaLeT Fellows (KU Leuven)
- Co-initiator and coordinator of [Hermes: Platform for Early Modern Hellenism](#)**
- 2017–...** **Member** of the Tabularium (Special Collections) committee (KU Leuven)
- 2017–18** **Member** of the didactic committee of the Faculty of Arts (KU Leuven)

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2025–...** **Member** of the steering committee of the network [Canons of Latinity, 1150 to the present](#) (an Oxford–Bonn initiative)
- Member** of the steering committee of the FWO-funded SRN “[Integrating the Histories of Science and the Humanities](#)”
- 2022–...** **Editor** at *Ex Officina*, an outreach journal of KU Leuven Libraries
- General editor of *Humanistica Lovaniensia* and *Supplementa Humanistica Lovaniensia*** (Peeters)
- * *I have expanded the scope of HL to include New Ancient Greek studies (see the journal’s new subtitle).*
- Member** of the scientific committee of [Lovaniensia](#) (digitization project KU Leuven Libraries)
- 2021–26** **Member** of the organizing committee of the FWO-funded SRN “[Literatures without Borders](#)”
- 2020–23** **Editor** at *Language & History*, an international peer-reviewed journal, published by Taylor and Francis
- 2017–18** **Member** of the scientific committee of the exhibition *Erasmus’ Dream*, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Collegium Trilingue in Leuven
- * *This exhibition (with 6000+ visitors) received extensive media coverage (click e.g. [here](#)) and stimulated other exhibitions on the Trilingue, e.g. in Arlon and Louvain-la-Neuve.*
- 2015–18** **Member** of the editorial board of *Uit het Erasmushuis*, annual journal of *Alumni Letteren Leuven*

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

I am currently a member of, among other organizations, the *International Association of Neo-Latin Studies* (IANLS), the *Renaissance Society of America* (RSA), the *National Research School in Classical Studies in the Netherlands* (OIKOS / associated senior member), the *Nederlands Klassiek Verbond* (NKV / the Dutch Classical Association), the *Leuvens Historisch Genootschap* (LHG / the Louvain Historical Society), the *Henry Sweet Society for Linguistic Ideas*, the *Studienkreis Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft* (SGdS), *HoLLT.net -- AILA Research Network for History of Language Learning and Teaching*, and the *Society for Neo-Latin Studies* (SNLS).

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH: SELECTION

- 2026** **Lectures** for the **Junior College Day** (Kortrijk), **Dag van de klassieke talen** (Antwerpen), **Gidsenkring Brugge** (Brugge)
- 2025** **Lectures** for the NKV (Dutch Classical Association, Maastricht), the **Erasmushuis** (Anderlecht), the **Eekhout Academy** (Kortrijk), the **Junior College Day** (Leuven)
- Celebrations for the sexcentenary of KU Leuven** (e.g. KU Leuven Inside Weekend)
- 2024** **Citizen science challenge** to create an open access corpus of Erasmus of Rotterdam’s *Opera omnia*
- Lectures for the NKV** (Dutch Classical Association) in Leuven, Bruges, and Kortrijk on Ancient Greek literature from the Renaissance
- Expert guide** during *Open Monumentendag*
- Walking tour** on the Collegium Trilingue in the KU Leuven Walking Tours app
- Co-organization** of “Teaching Neo-Latin: texts, materials, didactic challenges. A digital workshop” (with IANLS, SNLS, LBI)
- 2023–...** [DaLes](#), platform with postclassical Latin and Greek texts from the Renaissance for high school use
- 2021–22** **Development of a didactic package on migration** (especially of Greeks in the Italian Renaissance) for Flemish high schools, in view of diversifying the high school curriculum (subjects: Greek & history)

- 2021** **Podcast episode** *Universiteit van Vlaanderen*, entitled “Is West-Flemish also a language?” (“[Is het West-Vlaams ook een taal?](#)”)
Participation in a documentary on the history of the Greek language (*Alfávitos*) as expert narrator (alongside R. Martin, J. Méndez Dosuna, G. Papanastasiou, A. Zucker) at the invitation of Maria Chriti (directors: Agnes Sklavou & Stelios Tatakis; funded by COSMOTE), aired in February 2021 at COSMOTE HISTORY HD (recordings: February 2019) (with frequent reruns)
- 2018–...** **Blogger** at [Adendros](#), a blog devoted to topics on the intersection of language, history, and Hellenism in the early modern period (in Dutch and English)
- Scholar@School teacher**, offering Dutch courses on Neo-Latin and New Ancient Greek topics
- 2017–18** **Contributor to the exhibition *Erasmus’ Dream***
** I have acted as an occasional specialist guide for groups at this exhibition and contributed to popularizing publications that appeared in the frame of this event.*

OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS – FULL BIBLIOGRAPHY THROUGH [LIRIAS](#)

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