

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Education (summary)

PhD in African Studies (2020-2024), Universiteit Gent

PhD in Psychology and Education Sciences (2022-2024), Université de Mons

MA in Linguistics and Italian Studies (2017-2019), Scuola Normale Superiore

MA in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (2017-2019), Università di Pisa

BA in Modern Literature (2014-2017), Università degli Studi di Padova

### Academic positions

Nov 2024-Nov 2027

Universiteit Gent, Ghent (Belgium, EU)

Doctor assistant

Aug 2024-Jun 2025

Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo (Japan)

Junior Fellow

Nov 2020-Oct 2024

Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

PhD Fellow - fundamental research

Oct 2019-Jul 2020

Laboratoire Langage, Langues et Culture d’Afrique (LLACAN),  
CNRS UMR 8135- INaLCO, Villejuif (France, EU)

Invited researcher

## **Education (extended)**

Nov 2020-Jun 2024

Joint PhD programme (resulting in the obtention of two  
doctorates)

Universiteit Gent, Ghent (Belgium, EU) - African Studies,  
BantUGent group

Université de Mons, Mons (Belgium, EU) - Psychology and  
Education Sciences, Phonetics Lab / Language Sciences  
service

Dissertation: “Documenting the sounds of the West-Coastal Bantu  
languages of the Lower Kasai region (DR Congo) An integrated phonetic and  
diachronic-phonological approach”

Areas of research: phonetic documentation, articulation, acoustics,  
phonological theory, historical phonology, Congo Basin languages

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Koen Bostoen, Prof. Dr. Sara Pacchiarotti, Prof. Dr.  
Véronique Delvaux

Jul 2023

Universiteit Gent, Ghent (Belgium, EU)

Summer School - Methods in Language Sciences “MILS 2023”  
(Praat, Eye-tracking)

Oct 2022-Nov 2022

Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and  
Africa (ILCAA), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo  
(Japan)

Visiting researcher

Jun 2019-Jul 2019

University of California, Davis (USA)

Linguistic Society of America - Summer Institute

Feb 2019-May 2019

École Normale Supérieure, Paris (France, EU)

Visiting student (framework: Erasmus+ Exchange program)

Tutor: Prof. Maria Giavazzi, Département d’Études Cognitives

Oct 2018–Jul 2019

Università di Pisa, Pisa (Italy, EU)  
M.A. in Linguistics and Translation (Theoretical and Applied  
Linguistics) (110/110 cum laude)  
Advisor: Prof. Giovanna Marotta

Sep 2018–Nov 2018

Italian State School, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)  
Trainee - “Tirocinante CRUI” (Ministry of Foreign Affairs/  
Ministry of Education Traineeship)

Jul 2018–Aug 2018

Folkeuniversitetet i Oslo, Oslo (Norway)  
Summer School of Norwegian language and culture

Oct 2017–Nov 2020

Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Italy, EU)  
“Corso Ordinario” - Faculty of Humanities (Italian Literature and  
Linguistics) (100/100 cum laude)

Feb 2017–Apr 2017

Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Italy, EU)  
Exchange within Schools of Higher Education (RIASISSU)

Oct 2014–Sep 2017

Università degli Studi di Padova, Padua (Italy, EU)  
B.A. in Modern Literatures (110/110 cum laude)  
Advisor: Prof. Laura Vanelli

Oct 2014–Sep 2017

Galilean School of Higher Studies, Padua (Italy, EU)  
Faculty of Humanities

### **Talks and presentations**

Mar 2025 Institut de Linguistique Appliquée, Bangui (Central African Republic);  
invited speaker

Talk: *GBU - Phonetic documentation in the Ubangi basin*

Sep 2024 INTERSPEECH 2024 - Kipriotis Hotels & Conference Center (KICC),  
Kos Island (Greece, EU)

Talk: *The aerodynamics of Sakata labial-velar oral stops* - Presenter: Véronique  
Delvaux

- Aug 2024 WOCAL11 - University of Nairobi, Nairobi (Kenya)  
Talk: *The labial-velars of Sakata (phonology, phonetics, historical implications)*
- Bantu 10 - University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)  
Talk: *The labial-velars of Sakata (phonology, phonetics, historical implications)*
- Dec 2023 Acoustics 2023 Sydney - Acoustical Society of America / Australian Acoustical Society, ICC Sydney, Sydney (Australia)  
Poster: *Nasal retroflexes in North Boma (Bantu B82, Mai-Ndombe, DRC)*
- Oct 2023 Linguists' Day - Linguistic Society of Belgium, Universiteit Antwerpen, Antwerp (Belgium, EU)  
Talk: *The Mai-Ndombe: Languages, sounds, documentation and fieldwork in Western Congo*
- Feb 2023 Papotages - Les midis des chercheurs en langage, Mons (Belgium, EU)  
Talk: *Phonetic and phonological reconnaissance of the Mai-Ndombe*
- Dec 2022 Young Researchers Overseas Day - Académie Royale des Sciences d'Outre-Mer/Koninklijke Academie voor Overzeese Wetenschappen, Brussels (Belgium, EU)  
Poster: *Labial-velar consonants in Sakata (Bantu C34): preliminary phonetic and phonological observations*
- Francqui International Professorship Symposium: The Diversity and Documentation of Speech Sounds in Languages of the World - Universiteit Antwerpen, Antwerp (Belgium, EU)  
Talk: *Labial-velar consonants in Sakata (Bantu C34): preliminary phonetic and phonological observations*  
Talk: *Retroflex nasals in the Mai-Ndombe (DRC): the case of nasals in North Boma B82 and Nunu B822*  
Talk: *Shared phonetic features in newly documented hunter-gatherer Bantu languages on the southern fringe of the Congo rainforest (DRC) - Presenter: Koen Bostoën*
- Nov 2022 Tokyo African Linguistics Knot - Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo (Japan); invited speaker  
Talk: *Phonetic and phonological reconnaissance of the Mai-Ndombe: case studies into close-quarter sound variation*
- Jul 2022 13th Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies - University College Dublin, Dublin (Ireland, EU); invited speaker  
Communication: *An overview of Twa communities in the Mai-Ndombe*
- Jun 2022 Bantu 9 - Malawi University of Science and Technology, Blantyre (Malawi)  
Talk: *Retroflex sounds in the Mai-Ndombe (DRC): the case of nasals in North Boma B82 and Nunu B822*  
Talk: *Post-nasal trilling in Bantu: cross-linguistic variation and typological overview - First author and presenter: Daisuke Shinagawa*

- Dec 2021 LinGhentian Doctorials - Universiteit Gent, Ghent (Belgium, EU)  
Talk: *Documenting the sounds of the Mai-Ndombe: Methodological remarks*
- Oct 2021 Linguists' Day - Linguistic Society of Belgium, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels (Belgium, EU)  
Talk: *Phonetic and phonological documentation in the under-explored linguistic landscape of the Mai-Ndombe Province of the DRC*
- Jun 2021 WOCAL10 - Universiteit Leiden, Leiden (Netherlands, EU)  
Talk: *Phonetic and laboratory phonological research on hunter-gatherer substrate interference in the West-Coastal Bantu homeland region: Some preliminary results (DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/G4SKB)*  
With Sara Pacchiarotti and Koen Bostoen
- Institut Supérieur Pédagogique d'Inongo, Inongo (Democratic Republic of Congo); invited speaker  
Talk: *Peopling history of the Congo: linguistics, genetics, archaeology*  
With Jean-Pierre Donzo
- Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Nioki, Nioki (Democratic Republic of Congo); invited speaker  
Talk: *Contribution to the reconstruction of the ancient history of the Congo and the Congolese*  
With Jean-Pierre Donzo
- Dec 2019 BantUGent / ΔiaLing - Universiteit Gent, Ghent (Belgium, EU); invited speaker  
Talk: *The importance of integrated articulatory and acoustic analysis for consonant identification: some preliminary data from Ethiosemitic and Jukunoid*
- May 2019 Linguistics Seminars - Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Italy, EU)  
Talk: *The languages of Ethiopia*
- Feb 2018 Linguistics Seminars - Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Italy, EU)  
Talk: *Scandinavian Tonology: the case of Norwegian*

## Publications

- 2024 Maselli, Lorenzo, and Véronique Delvaux. "Aerodynamics of Sakata labial-velars". Proc. Interspeech 2024, 3140-3144, doi: <https://doi.org/10.21437/Interspeech.2024-525>
- Maselli, Lorenzo. "Phonetic and phonological research in the Mai-Ndombe: a few preliminary notes on rhotics and double-articulations". In *Languages* 9 (3), special issue *Recent Developments on the Diachrony and Typology of Bantu Languages*, 114, doi: <https://doi.org/10.3390/languages9030114>

- 2023 Maselli, Lorenzo, Véronique Delvaux, Jean-Pierre Donzo, Sara Pacchiarotti, and Koen Bostoen. "Labial-velar stops in Sakata (Bantu C34): Preliminary phonetic and phonological observations". In *Studies in African Linguistics*, Vol. 52, Iss. 1, doi: <https://doi.org/10.32473/sal.52.1and2.132606>
- 2021 Pacchiarotti, Sara, Lorenzo Maselli, and Koen Bostoen. "The Emergence of Interior Vowels and Heterosyllabic Vowel Sequences in Ngwi (Bantu B861, DRC)". In *Papers in Historical Phonology*, vol. 6, pp. 107–46, doi: <https://doi.org/10.2218/pihph.6.2021.6693>
- Maselli, Lorenzo, Sara Pacchiarotti, and Koen Bostoen. "Labial-velar stops outside the Macro-Sudan Belt: New evidence from Lwel (West-Coastal Bantu, B862)". In *Africana Linguistica*, vol. XXVII
- 2020 Lorin, Louis-Marie\* & Maselli, Lorenzo\*, Léo Varnet, and Maria Giavazzi. "Acoustic properties of strident fricatives at the edges: implications for consonant discrimination". In *Proceedings of the 21st Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (INTERSPEECH 2020 Shanghai)*
- \*co-first authors

### Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- May 2025 CWO "uitgaand verblijf" mobility grant (United States of America)
- May 2025 FWO travel grant - conference participation (United States of America)
- May 2025 Action de l'Institut de Recherche en Sciences et Technologie du Langage - Bourse de mobilité internationale: colloque
- Oct 2024 - Oct 2027 Bijzonder Onderzoeksfonds (BOF) - alfa / junior postdoctoral mandate
- Aug 2024 CWO "uitgaand verblijf" mobility grant (Kenya, Tanzania)
- Aug 2024 FWO travel grant - conference participation (Kenya, Tanzania)
- Dec 2023 Acoustical Society of America - Student Transportation Subsidy
- Dec 2023 Action de l'Institut de Recherche en Sciences et Technologie du Langage - Bourse de mobilité internationale: colloque

Dec 2023  
FWO travel grant - conference participation (Australia)

Sep 2023  
UGent Doctoral Schools funding to participate in summer schools within Belgium

Oct 2022-Nov 2022  
FWO mobility grant within the joint exchange/mobility project framework with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Jun 2022  
FWO mobility grant - conference participation (Malawi)

May 2021-Jul 2021  
Travel grant to conduct fieldwork in the DRC, BantuFirst ERC project (P.I.: Koen Bostoen)

Nov 2020-Oct 2024  
Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek PhD Fellowship - fundamental research

Oct 2019-Jul 2020  
“Talent at Work” Erasmus+ Traineeship program Fellowship

Jun 2019-Jul 2019  
LSA Summer Institute Grant, Scuola Normale Superiore

Feb 2019-May 2019  
Erasmus+ program Fellowship

Sep 2018-Nov 2018  
Three-month Full Grant, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation/Ministry of Education Traineeship

Jul 2018-Aug 2018  
Norwegian Language Summer Grant, Scuola Normale Superiore

Oct 2017-Sep 2019  
Two-year Full Fellowship, Scuola Normale Superiore

Oct 2014-Sep 2017  
Five-year Full Fellowship, Galilean School of Higher Studies

### **Teaching experience**

Feb 2025-Mar 2025  
Phonetics 101, Université de Bangui - Institut de Linguistique Appliquée

## **Fieldwork experience**

Jan 2025-Mar 2025

Central African Republic, Bangui

Feb 2023-Apr 2023

Belgium, Luxembourg, and Hainaut (Sakata diaspora)

May 2021-Jul 2021

Democratic Republic of Congo, Kinshasa, Mai-Ndombe

Sep 2018-Nov 2018

Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

## **Review experience**

Feb 2024-Present

Paper reviewer - Interspeech

Feb 2024-Present

Paper reviewer - Behavioural Sciences / An open-access journal from MDPI

Aug 2024-Present

Paper reviewer - Languages / An open-access journal from MDPI

Feb 2024

Abstract reviewer - Societas Linguistica Europaea

## **Relevant work experience**

Mar 2025-Present

MA dissertation reviewer - Universiteit Gent, Ghent (Belgium, EU)

Aug 2022

Jury member (MA dissertation defence) - Université de Mons, Mons (Belgium, EU)

Nov 2021-Jun 2024

Organiser of monthly BantUGent meetings  
Co-organisers: Sifra Van Acker, Nina Van der Vlugt

Oct 2019-Jul 2020

Invited researcher  
LLACAN - Langage, langues et cultures d'Afrique, CNRS UMR 8135-  
INaLCO, Villejuif (France, EU)



Sep 2018-Nov 2018

Teaching and tutoring experience: collaboration within the programs offered by the Italian State School  
Italian State School, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

### **Membership of scientific societies**

Student member: Societas Linguistica Europaea, Acoustical Society of America, International Speech Communication Association, Cercle Belge de Linguistique / Belgische Kring voor Linguïstiek; regular member: Alumni della Scuola Normale Superiore, Alumni della Scuola Galileiana di Studi Superiori

### **Software experience**

Praat, VoceVista, PCQuirerX, RStudio, ELAN, FLEx, Microsoft Excel, QGIS, Overleaf, Zotero, OpenSesame

### **Languages**

Fluent: [eng], [ita], [fra], [nap]; conversational: [nld]; intermediate: [lin]

### **Research varieties**

Gbaya, Banda, Ngbandi, Mundu-Baka (Ubangi); Sar, Bagiro, Gula, Yulu, Kaba (Nilo-Saharan); Twa, Lwel, Ngwi, Ding, North Boma, Nunu, Sakata, Mbatl / Issongo, Mpiemo (Bantu); Fulfulde (Adamawa); Win Lau (Jukunoid); Kambaata (Cushitic); Fijian (Austronesian); Italiot (Greek); English (Germanic)

### **Other**

Participant in the Guinness World Record 2023 “most languages used in a reading relay” world record  
Bib Sophia / Foyer / Schools of Schaerbeek, Brussels (Belgium, EU)