

# JOACHIM KOKKELMANS

Curriculum Vitae

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Postdoctoral researcher at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (2020–2022)

## Education

- Ph.D. in Linguistics (sectors L-LIN/01 and L-LIN/14)  
May 2021 | [University of Verona](#) (Verona, Italy)  
Dissertation titled “The Phonetics and Phonology of Sibilants: A Synchronic and Diachronic OT Typology of Sibilant Inventories”.
- Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (German - Scandinavian Studies)  
July 2017 | [Ghent University](#) (Ghent, 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](#) (Ghent, Belgium)  
Obtained *magna cum laude* (781/1000).
- Erasmus exchange  
August - December 2015 | [University of Bergen](#) (Bergen, 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/Balsan/Bulsan/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)  
Passed the **C1** test.
- **Italian:** *Tyrolean Esame di bilinguismo* (bilingualism exam)  
September 2019 | Bozen/Balsan/Bulsan/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)  
Passed the **C1** test.
- **Dolomitic Ladin (Val Badia):** *Tyrolean Ejam de trilinguism* (trilingualism exam)  
August 2021 | Bozen/Balsan/Bulsan/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)  
Passed the **B1** test.
- **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 **B2** test (*Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs*).  
'Father tongue' (spoken at home), language of 9 years of lower and 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.
- **Old Norse and Visigothic:** Studied at university. Reading competence.

# Publications

## Peer-reviewed

KOKKELMANS, J. (in prep.). Sibilant outputs of Romance stop palatalisation explained: diachronic evidence and BiPhon-NN [Ms., Free University of Bozen-Bolzano].

ALBER, B., & KOKKELMANS, J. (in prep.). “A DCT analysis of sibilant contrasts in North-eastern Italian varieties” [Ms., Free University of Bozen-Bolzano].

ALBER, B., & KOKKELMANS, J. (in press). “Typology and language change: The case of truncation” [Submitted to *Isogloss: Open Journal of Romance Linguistics*].

ALBER, B., KOKKELMANS, J., & RABANUS, S. (2021). S-retraction in the Alps: Germanic, Romance, Slavic. In T. Stolz (Ed.), *Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung (STUF - Language Typology and Universals)* (pp. 17–38). De Gruyter.

KOKKELMANS, J. (2020a). Middle High German and modern Flemish s-retraction in /rs/-clusters. In G. De Vogelaer, D. Koster, & T. Leuschner (Eds.), *German and Dutch in Contrast: Synchronic, Diachronic and Psycholinguistic Perspectives* (pp. 213–238). De Gruyter.

KOKKELMANS, J. (2018). “Elvis Presley, God and Jane: the Germanic proprial article in a comparative perspective” (J. Brandtler,

Ed.). *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax (WPSS)*, 100, 64–98.

## Not peer-reviewed

KOKKELMANS, J. J. F. M., & KOKKELMANS, J. (in prep.). *A descriptive grammar of Eys Limburgish (Grammatica van het dialect van Eys)*.

KOKKELMANS, J. (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 P. Bakkes, P. Klein, & T. van de Wijngaard (Eds.), *Veldeke Jaarboek 2019* (pp. 149–173). Vereniging Veldeke Limburg.

## Reviews

KOKKELMANS, J. (2019a). “Recensione di *Les frontières linguistiques du ladin dolomitique*, by Sylvia Thiele” (R. Bauer, Ed.). *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 43, 339–340.

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

KOKKELMANS, J. (2019c). “Recensione di

'Zeta' di frontiera: confronto tra giovani Bolzanini italofofoni e germanofoni, by Chiara Meluzzi" (R. Bauer, Ed.). *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 43, 357–358.

KOKKELMANS, J. (2019d). "Recensione di *Die deutschen Sprachinseln der Zimbern und Fersentaler in Norditalien. Konservativität, Innovation und Kontakt im Lautsystem*, by Birgit Alber" (R. Bauer, Ed.). *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 43, 358–359.

## Theses

KOKKELMANS, J. (2021). "The Phonetics and Phonology of Sibilants: A Synchronic and Diachronic OT Typology of Sibilant Inventories" (Doctoral dissertation). University of Verona.

KOKKELMANS, J. (2017). "Die Achillesfersche einer Lautverschiebung im Volzug. Postalveolarisierung, Retroflektierung und r-Schwund bei /rs/ in flämischen Umgangssprachen und den germanischen Sprachen, sowie deren Beziehung zu den Aussprachearten von /r/" (Master's thesis). Ghent University.

## Posters and presentations at linguistics conferences

2021: Two talks (one with B. Alber and S. Arndt-Lappe) at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE, Athens, Greece)

2021: Talk at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics (Oslo, Norway)

2021: Talk at the 28<sup>th</sup> Manchester Phonology Meeting (Manchester, UK)

2020: Poster presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Going Romance Conference (Paris, France)

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

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

2018: Talk 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 (Manchester, UK)

## 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 abstracts
  - Chair of an invited speaker session

## Invited talks

- 2021: Invited speaker at the UniBZ *Seminario Laureandi*
- 2021: Keynote speaker at the Ph.D. Conference of the University of Verona on “Margins and Forgotten Places”, with the title *When your words are from the minority but your tongue is from the majority: Changes in the sibilant inventories of Veneto and Trentino minority languages*
- 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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