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Previous positions

Oct 2020-2024	F.R.S-FNRS Postdoctoral Fellowship , Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Sept 2020-Aug 2021	Substitute lecturer , Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium Courses: General Linguistics (Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology and Syntax) – Bachelor 1 & 2
Sept 2019-Aug 2020	Substitute lecturer , Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium Courses: General Linguistics (Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology and Syntax) – Bachelor 1 & 2, Semantics and Pragmatics – Master level, Experimental Linguistics – Master level
Sept 2015-2019	Joint PhD in Langues, lettres et traductologie and English , Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) & University of British Columbia (Canada) <i>Discourse coherence and atypicality in autistic adults: from corpus analysis to subjective impressions of spoken discourse</i> promotor: Professor Mikhail Kissine (Université libre de Bruxelles) co-promotor: Professor Jessica De Villiers (University of British Columbia)
Sept 2015-2018	Teaching assistant , Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium Level: Undergraduates (Bachelor 1 & 2) Topics: General Linguistics (Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology and Syntax)

Education

Sept 2015-2019	Joint PhD in Langues, lettres et traductologie and English , Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) & University of British Columbia (Canada)
Jan-Dec 2017	Research Stay at the University of British Columbia , Canada
2013-2015	Research Master in Linguistics , Utrecht University, the Netherlands
2010-2013	Bachelor in Germanic Languages and Literatures , University of Namur, Belgium

Publications

Book chapters

Peristeri, E., **Geelhand**, P., & Tsimpli, I. (forthcoming). Narration. *Language in Autism*. Wiley.

Peer-reviewed international journals

Belenger, M., Dumont, C., **Geelhand, P.**, & Kissine, M. (2025). Investigating sex differences in narrative production of autistic pre-adolescents and adolescents. *Research in Autism*, 124, 202589.

Geelhand, P., Papastamou, F., Jaspard, S., & Kissine, M. (2024). Autistic adults display different verbal behavior only in mixed-neurotype interactions: Evidence from a referential communication task. *Autism*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/13623613241298376>

Keating, C. T., Hickman, L., **Geelhand, P.**, Takahashi, T., Leung, J., Monk, R.,... & Sowden-Carvalho, S. (2024). Cross-cultural variation in experiences of acceptance, camouflaging and mental health difficulties in autism: A registered report. *Plos one*, 19(3), e0299824. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0299824>

Geelhand, P., Papastamou, F., Belenger, M., Clin, E., Hickman, L., Keating, C. T., & Sowden, S. (2023). Autism-related language preferences of French-speaking autistic adults: An online survey. *Autism in Adulthood*, Ahead of Print. <https://doi.org/10.1089/aut.2022.0056>

Geelhand, P., Papastamou, F., Deliens, G., & Kissine, M. (2021). Judgments of spoken discourse and impression formation of neurotypical and autistic adults. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 82, 101742. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rasd.2021.101742>

Geelhand, P., Papastamou, F., & Kissine, M. (2021). How do autistic adults use syntactic and prosodic cues to manage spoken discourse? *Clinical Linguistics & Phonetics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02699206.2021.1878278>.

Kissine, M., **Geelhand, P.**, De Foy, M.P., Harmegnies, B., & Deliens, G. (2021). Phonetic inflexibility in autistic adults. *Autism Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aur.2477>

van Tiel, B., Deliens, G., **Geelhand, P.**, Murillo Oosterwijk, A., & Kissine, M. (2021). Strategic deception in adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 51, 255–266. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-020-04525-0>

Geelhand, P., Papastamou, F., Deliens, G., & Kissine, M. (2020). Narrative production in autistic adults: A systematic analysis of the microstructure, macrostructure and internal state language. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 164 (C), 57-81. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2020.04.014>

Bernard, P., **Geelhand, P.**, & Servais, L. (2019). The face of sexualization: Faces wearing makeup are processed less configurally than faces without makeup. *International Review of Social Psychology*, 32(1), 16. <http://doi.org/10.5334/irsp.211>

Ostashchenko, E., **Geelhand, P.**, Deliens, G., & Kissine, M. (2019). Struggling with alternative descriptions: Impaired referential processing in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 66, 101414. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rasd.2019.101414>

Geelhand, P., Bernard, P., van Tiel, Bob., Klein, O., & Kissine, M. (2019). The role of gender in the perception of autism symptom severity and future behavioral development. *Molecular Autism*. 10(1), 16, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13229-019-0266-4>

Kissine, M., & **Geelhand, P.** (2019). Brief Report: Acoustic Evidence for Increased Articulatory Stability in the Speech of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Journal of autism and developmental disorders*, 49, 2572–2580. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-019-03905-5>

Ostashchenko, E., Deliens, G., **Geelhand**, P., Bertels, J., & Kissine, M. (2018). Referential processing in 3- and 5-year-olds is egocentrically anchored. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 45(8), 1387-1397. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xlm0000659>

Deliens, G., Papastamou, F., Ruytenbeek, N., **Geelhand**, P., & Kissine, M. (2018). Selective pragmatic impairment in Autism Spectrum Disorder: indirect requests vs. irony. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-018-3561-6>

Academic activities

Invited talks/guest lectures

- May 28, 2024 **Invited talk for the Forschungskolloquium at the Institut für Linguistik (Phonetik)**, Universität zu Köln, Germany
Talk topic: Verbal behaviors of French-speaking autistic and non-autistic adults: from monologue to cross-neurotype social interactions
- Apr 6 2024 **Speaker for the inter-university certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (6th Edition)**, Université de Bruxelles, Belgium
Lecture topic: The issue of gender in autism
- Nov 9, 2023 **Invited talk within the context of mental health awareness week**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Talk topic: Autism and mental health
- Nov 6, 2023 **Invited lecture for a master-level course (Linguistique française: français moderne)**, KU Leuven, Belgium
Lecture topic (part 2): Discourse analysis as methodology
- Oct 23, 2023 **Invited lecture for a master-level course (Linguistique française: français moderne)**, KU Leuven, Belgium
Lecture topic (part 1): Social communication in autistic adults
- Mar 17, 2022 **Invited speaker for CAL-Charleroi**, Charleroi, Belgium
Talk topic: The issue of gender in autism and the phenomenon of camouflage
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjvgc-Ntjsk>
- Mar 11, 2022 **Speaker for the inter-university certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (5th Edition)**, Université de Bruxelles, Belgium
Lecture topic: The issue of gender in autism
- Apr 24, 2021 **Speaker for the inter-university certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (4th Edition)**, Université de Bruxelles, Belgium
Lecture topic: The issue of gender in autism
- Apr 22, 2021 **Invited speaker for the Cercle de Philosophie et Lettres**, Université de Bruxelles, Belgium
Talk topic: Introduction to autism
- Sept 18, 2020 **Speaker for the inter-university certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (3rd Edition)**, Université de Mons, Belgium
Lecture topic: The issue of gender in autism

- May 18, 2019 **Speaker for the inter-university certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (2nd Edition)**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Lecture topic: The issue of gender in Autism
- Feb 2, 2018 **Speaker for the inter-university certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (1st Edition)**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Lecture topic: The issue of gender in autism
- Oral presentations*
- April 30-May 3, 2025 **INSAR 2025**, Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, Washington (USA)
Autistic adults display different verbal behavior only in mixed-neurotype interactions: evidence from a referential communication task
- Jan 26, 2024 **LACA Workshop “Language, learning and processing across neurotype: Focus on methodology”**, Amsterdam, Universiteit van Amsterdam, the Netherlands
The role of neurotype matching on task efficiency and verbosity during an online referential communication task in autistic, non-autistic and mixed-neurotype interactions
- June 9-10, 2022 **TABU Dag 2022**, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands
Investigating dyadic composition on communication efficiency and first impressions of verbal interactions in autistic and non-autistic adults
- Nov 26, 2021 **GCPN 2021**, Université de Liège, Belgium
Investigating dyadic composition on communication efficiency and first impressions of verbal interactions
- Nov 21-23, 2019 **M.M. Delacroix Autism Workshop 2019**, Brussels, Belgium
Judgments of spoken discourse and impression formation of neurotypical and autistic adults
- June 20-21, 2019 **TABU Dag 2019**, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands
Judgments of spoken discourse and impression formation of neurotypical and autistic adults
- May 25, 2018 **Linguistic Society of Belgium 2018 Day**, Université de Liège, Belgium
Acoustic variability in speech production of autistic adults
- Nov 8, 2016 **Journée des Doctorants en Psychologie 2016**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Narrative discourse of French-speaking autistic adolescents and adults
- Oct 25, 2016 **GCPN 2016 Meeting**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Groupe de contact FNRS « Psycholinguistique & Neurolinguistique »
Narrative discourse of French-speaking autistic adolescents and adults
- May 13, 2016 **Linguistic Society of Belgium 2016 Day**, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium
Different perspectives on conversation abilities in autistic adults
- June 5, 2015 **TABU Dag 2015**, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands
Eye-tracking experiment in French on the processing of generic and specific connectives

Poster presentations

- Mar 14-16 2024 **MoLA Conference**, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina (USA)
Autistic adults display different verbal behavior only in mixed-neurotype interactions: evidence from a referential communication task
- Mar 13-14, 2023 **ITAKOM 2023**, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Scotland
Investigating the effect of neurotype-matching on communication efficiency and first impressions of verbal interactions of autistic and non-autistic adults
- Mar 8, 2022 **Workshop on language in autism**, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Investigating the effect of neurotype-matching on communication efficiency and first impressions of verbal interactions
- Dec 10, 2019 **GCPN 2019**, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium
Judgments of spoken discourse and impression formation of neurotypical and autistic adults
- May 1-5, 2019 **INSAR 2019**, Palais des Congrès, Montreal, Canada
Judgments of spoken discourse and impression formation of neurotypical and autistic adults
- March 23, 2018 **Language Abilities in Children with Autism (LACA)**, University of Reading, United Kingdom
Greater articulatory stability in the speech of autistic adults: acoustic evidence
- Jan 15, 2018 **Language Abilities in Children with Autism (LACA)**, Villa di Breme Gualdoni Forno, Italy
Discourse strategies in narratives of autistic adolescents and adults
- Mar 10-12, 2016 **Autism Research Workshop**, Universiteit Gent, Belgium
Different perspectives on conversation abilities in autistic adults

Passive participation

- May 3-6, 2023 **INSAR 2023**, Stockholmsmässan, Sweden
- Apr 11-13, 2016 **Textlink Second Action Conference**, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Hungary
- Sept 24-25, 2015 **Utterance Interpretation and Cognitive Models V (UICM V)**, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

Supervision

PhD thesis

- 2022- : Florence Merken (Aspirante F.R.S-FNRS, Université libre de Bruxelles, co-supervision with Prof. Gaétane Deliens)

Master thesis

- 2023-2024: Laurence Madonna (KU Leuven, Faculteit Letteren, co-supervision with Prof. Karen Lahousse)

- 2022-2024: Alizée Tihon (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté de Lettres, Traduction et Communication, co-supervision with Prof. Philippe de Brabanter)
- 2022-2024: Margot Sans et Amanda Zygaldo (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Marie Belenger and Prof. Gaétane Deliens)
- 2022-2024: Lola Charlier et Manon Duval (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Marie Belenger and Prof. Gaétane Deliens)
- 2021-2023: Biaggio Capodici (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Marie Belenger and Prof. Gaétane Deliens)
- 2021-2023: Siham El Amrani et Oumaima Essakili (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Marie Belenger and Prof. Gaétane Deliens)
- 2019-2021: Florence Merken (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté de Lettres, Traduction et Communication)
- 2016-2018: Fanny Papastamou (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Prof. Mikhail Kissine)

Internship

- 2022(2nd semester): Sümeyra Nizam (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Prof. Gaétane Deliens)
- 2021(1st semester): Guérard Bernard (Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences psychologiques et de l'Éducation, co-supervision with Prof. Gaétane Deliens)

Examination committee

Jan 2021: Jury member of the PhD examination committee of Emma Vanden Wyngaerd
 Dissertation title: Bilingual implications *Using code-switching data to inform linguistic theory*

Prizes and awards

2019-2020 Paul G. Stanwood Prize (\$700) for best PhD dissertation in the Department of English (University of British Columbia)
 2019 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award UBC (\$1500)

Academic courses

Jan-Apr 2017	Semester at University of British Columbia, Canada
	Seminar on Autism (Graduate level)
	Theories of Cognitive Assessment (Graduate level)
	Research Methods and Professionalization (Graduate level)
	Childhood and Adolescence (Undergraduate level)
	Contemporary Topics in Social, Developmental, Personality, and Clinical Psychology (Undergraduate level, audit)

Career Breaks

Oct 2024-Jan 2025 : Maternity leave
 Aug 2022-Jan 2023: Maternity leave

Languages

French: native language

English: near native level

Dutch: intermediate level