

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal information

Name Dominique Blok  
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### Employment

- NLP data scientist at TNO (the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research) April 2022 - present
- Data scientist at Sogeti July 2021 - March 2022
- Postdoctoral researcher in Prof. Malte Zimmermann's and Prof. Edgar Onea's project *Exhaustiveness in embedded questions across languages*, Universität Potsdam August 2019 - March 2021
- Analytic Linguistic Project Manager at Google Feb 2018 - July 2019
- Associate Linguist at Google Jan 2018 - Feb 2018
- PhD candidate in Dr. Rick Nouwen's ERC funded *ROSE* project (*Restriction and Obviation in Scalar Expressions*), Universiteit Utrecht Oct 2013 - Jan 2018
- Teacher of BA course *Linguistique Française A (TK1)* with Dr. Janine Berns, Universiteit Utrecht 2014
- Teacher of BA course *Analyse Linguistique (TK2)* with Dr. Bert Le Bruyn, Universiteit Utrecht 2013
- Teaching assistant of BA course *Analyse Linguistique (TK2)* for Dr. Frank Drijkoningen, Universiteit Utrecht 2011

### Education

- Research Master in Linguistics (*cum laude*/with honours) Utrecht University 2011-2013
- Research internship with Prof. Kai von Fintel Massachusetts Institute of Technology Autumn 2012
- Bachelor in French Language and Culture Utrecht University (*cum laude*/with honours) 2008-2011
- *Gymnasium* (grammar school) Barlaeusgymnasium, Amsterdam 2001-2007

### Dissertation

- Blok, D. (2019). *Scope Oddity: On the semantic and pragmatic interactions of modified numerals, negative indefinites, focus operators, and modals*. Utrecht University. 2019

### Papers

- Blok, D. & Chark, J. (2021). Homogeneity and universal quantification in embedded questions. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 25*. 2021
- Blok, D., Bylinina, L., & Nouwen, R. (2020). Splitting Germanic negative indefinites. Under revision. 2020
- Blok, D. & Nouwen, R. (2020). A plea for optional object QR. Under revision. 2020
- Blok, D. (2020). On the pragmatics of modified numerals and modals. Under revision. 2020
- Fricke, L., Blok, D., Zimmermann, M., Onea, E. (2020). The pragmatics of embedded questions: an experimental comparison of four verbs of embedding. Under revision. 2020
- Blok, D., Bylinina, L., & Nouwen, R. (2017). Splitting Germanic negative indefinites. *Proceedings of the 21st* 2017

*Amsterdam Colloquium.*

- Blok, D. (2017). The semantics and pragmatics of directional numeral modifiers. Draft available at [dominiqueblok.com](http://dominiqueblok.com) 2017
- Blok, D. Directional numeral modifiers: an implicature-based account. *Proceedings of NELS 46*. 123-136. 2016
- Blok, D. (2015). Scope interactions between modals and modified numerals. *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*. 70-79. 2015
- McNabb, Y., Alexandropoulou, S., Blok, D., Bimpikou, S., & Nouwen, R. (2015). The likelihood of upper-bound construals among numeral modifiers. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*. 2015
- Blok, D. The semantics and pragmatics of directional numeral modifiers. *Proceedings of SALT 25*. 471-490. 2015
- Blok, D. Directional prepositions as numeral modifiers. Master's thesis available at [dominiqueblok.com](http://dominiqueblok.com) 2013

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**Presentations**

- Talk 'Homogeneity and universal quantification in embedded questions', Sinn und Bedeutung 2015, University College London (UCL) and Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), with Jordan Chark September 2020
- Poster 'The pragmatic status of strongly exhaustive readings of embedded questions', DGfS 2020, workshop *Diversity in pragmatic inferences*, with Lea Fricke and Malte Zimmermann March 2020
- Talk 'Exhaustivity in embedded questions', XPrag Annual Meeting, ZAS, Berlin, with Lea Fricke, Malte Zimmermann, and Edgar Onea November 2019
- Talk 'Pragmatic inferences of modified numerals and modals', Inquisitive Semantics Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam May 2019
- Talk 'Pragmatic inferences of modified numerals and modals', Syntax-Semantics Colloquium, University of Potsdam May 2019
- Talk 'Splitting Germanic negative indefinites', Amsterdam Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam, with Lisa Bylinina and Rick Nouwen December 2017
- Talk 'Splitting Germanic negative indefinites', Amsterdam Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam, with Lisa Bylinina and Rick Nouwen December 2017
- Talk 'Focussing on Split Scope', Syntax-Semantics Colloquium, University of Potsdam July 2017
- Talk 'A plea for optional QR', Colloquium on Generative Grammar, Madrid May 2017
- Talk 'Splitting Germanic *n*-words', Leiden Utrecht Semantics Happenings, Utrecht University, with Lisa Bylinina and Rick Nouwen April 2017
- Poster 'A plea for optional QR', GLOW 2017, Leiden March 2017
- Talk 'Modals and scope economy', New Ideas in Semantics and Modelling (NISM), Paris September 2016
- Talk 'Scope interactions between modals and "at most"', Amsterdam Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam December 2015
- Talk 'Directional numeral modifiers: an implicature-based

- account', NELS 2015, Concordia University
- Poster 'The degree of upper-bound construals among different modified numerals: a crosslinguistic and experimental investigation', Sinn und Bedeutung 2015, University of Tübingen, with Y. McNabb, S. Alexandropoulou, R. Nouwen, and S. Bimpikou September 2015
- Talk 'Directional prepositions as numeral modifiers' Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea 2015, Leiden University September 2015
- Poster 'The extent of upper-bound construals among different modified numerals', XPRAG 2015, University of Chicago, with S. Alexandropoulou, Y. McNabb, S. Bimpikou, and R. Nouwen July 2015
- Talk 'The extent of upper-bound construals among different modified numerals', MXPAG 2015, ZAS, with S. Alexandropoulou, Y. McNabb, S. Bimpikou & R. Nouwen June 2015
- Talk 'The semantics & pragmatics of directional numeral modifiers', SALT 2015, Stanford University May 2015
- Talk 'The semantics & pragmatics of directional numeral modifiers', DGfS 2015, workshop on proportions and quantities March 2015
- Talk 'The semantics & pragmatics of directional numeral modifiers', *TIN-dag* (Linguistics in the Netherlands day) 2014 February 2014

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### Service

- Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Semantics* 2015 - present
- Member of the Utrecht University Humanities PhD Council 2014-2015
- Organiser of the *Leiden Utrecht Semantics Happenings* 2013-2018
- Organiser of the *ROSE* talks (Restriction and Obviation in Scalar Expressions) 2013-2018
- Organiser of *Logic in Language and in Conversation* workshop, ROSE project, Utrecht September 2016
- PhD member of the LOT Education Committee (Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics) 2015-2016
- Organiser of *Two Days At Least* workshop, *ROSE* project September 2014

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### Extracurricular courses

- LOT Summer School (Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics): July 2016
  - *Focus Semantics: Alternatives and Unalternatives* taught by Prof. Daniel Büring
  - *Syntax: The Ups and Downs of Agree* taught by Prof. Susi Wurmbrand
  - *Three factors and modern generative diachronic syntax* taught by Dr. Theresa Biberauer
  - *Biolinguistics* taught by Prof. Cedric Boeckx
- LOT Winter School (Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics): January 2015
  - *Macroscale Microsyntactic Variation* taught by Prof. Sjef Barbiers

- *Phrase Structure and Functional Categories*  
taught by Prof. David Adger
- *Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics*  
taught by Dr. Rick Nouwen and Dr. Yaron McNabb

- LOT Summer School June 2014  
(Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics):

- *The Interplay of Syntax and Semantics in Control*  
taught by Dr. Idan Landau
- *The Genetic Foundations of Language and Speech, from Molecules to Linguistic Diversity*  
taught by Dr. Sonja Vernes and Dr. Dan Dediu
- *Verb Placement and Agreement*  
taught by Dr. Olaf Koenenman

- LOT Winter School January 2013  
(Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics):

- *Acquisition of Pragmatics*  
taught by Dr. Napoleon Katsos
- *Experimental Pragmatics and Semiotics*  
taught by Dr. Riccardo Fusaroli
- *Current Developments in Quantitative Research Methods*  
taught by Dr. Luke Plonsky
- *Quantitative Corpus Linguistics*  
taught by Prof. Stefan Th. Gries
- *Language and Gesture*  
taught by Dr. Alan Cienki
- *Syntax: The Architecture of Variation*  
taught by Dr. Marjo van Koppen

- Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, Spring 2013  
Amsterdam:

- *Topics in Dynamic Epistemic Logic*  
taught by Dr. Alexandru Baltag
- *Structures for Semantics*  
taught by Dr. Maria Aloni

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Autumn 2012

- *Introduction to Semantics*  
taught by Prof. Kai von Stechow & Dr. Martin Hackl
- *Topics in Semantics*  
taught by Prof. Kai von Stechow & Prof. Sabine Iatridou
- *Introduction to Syntax*  
taught by Prof. Sabine Iatridou
- *Topics in Philosophy of Language: Conditionals*  
taught by Prof. Robert Stalnaker

- *More on Questions*  
taught by Prof. Danny Fox

- Utrecht Summer School:

Summer 2011

- *Evolution of Language*  
taught by Riny Huijbregts, MA
- *Bilingualism*  
taught by Dr. Hannah de Mulder
- *Micro and Macro Variation in Language*  
taught by Prof. Martin Everaert & Dr. Marjo van Koppen
- *Introduction to Generative Syntax*  
taught by Dr. Mana Kobuchi
- *Statistics for Experimental Linguists*  
taught by Dr. Guus de Krom
- *Psycholinguistics*  
taught by Dr. Arnout Koornneef
- *Aphasia: Language and the Brain*  
taught by Prof. Sergey Avrutin

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### Languages

- Dutch (native)
- English (near-native)
- French (fluent)
- German (working knowledge)
- Latin (passive knowledge)
- Ancient Greek (passive knowledge)
- Mandarin (very rudimentary)

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### Programming

- Python
- R
- HTML
- LaTeX

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### Non-academic work

- Homework tutor  
*Pedagogisch Instituut voor Onderwijs en Studiebegeleiding*  
(Pedagogic Institute for Education and Tutoring), Hilversum 2009-2011
- Chair of the activities committee of French student  
organisation *Cercle* 2008-2009
- Bookseller  
Scheltema, Amsterdam 2008-2009
- Waitress  
Restaurant 222 Veggie Vegan, London, United Kingdom 2007-2008