

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

My general area of interest is argumentation theory, reasoning and philosophy of language. I am particularly interested in formal and computational models of argumentation, subjects which are closely related to respectively logic and artificial intelligence. Other topics of interest include dialectic, argument analysis, speech act theory, defeasible reasoning, argument schemes, and game theory.

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#### EDUCATION

- 2011 Research MA: Rhetoric, Argumentation theory, and Philosophy (University of Amsterdam). Thesis on the formalisation of dialectical profiles in the pragma-dialectical theory of argumentation. [Cum laude]
- 2009 BSc: Cognitive Artificial Intelligence (Utrecht University). Thesis on definite descriptions in dynamic semantics.

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#### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

- 2012-2016 Lecturer / PhD researcher at the Department of Dutch Studies / Language and Communication (Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam).
- 2011-2012 Lecturer at the Department of Speech communication, Argumentation theory, and Rhetoric (Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam).

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## AWARDS AND FUNDING

- 2013 European Network for Social Intelligence (SINTELNET): travel award.
- „ European Coordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence (ECCAI): travel award.
- 2012-2016 Faculty of Humanities (University of Amsterdam): 50% exemption from teaching obligations to do PhD research, within the program “promoveren voor docenten”.

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## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2012 Wierda, R., & Visser, J. (2012). Direct-to-consumer advertisements for prescription drugs as an argumentative activity type. *Journal of Argumentation in Context*, 1(1), 81-96.
- 2011 Visser, J., Bex, F., Reed, C., & Garssen, B. (2011). Correspondence between the pragma-dialectical discussion model and the argument interchange format. *Studies in Logic, Grammar and Rhetoric, [special issue: Argumentation Theory and Computer Science]*, 23(36), 189-224.

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2014 Visser, J. C. (2014). A formal perspective on the pragma-dialectical discussion model. In B. Garssen, D. Godden, A. F. Snoeck Henkemans & G. Mitchell (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Argumentation (ISSA), 1-4 July 2014* (pp. @). Amsterdam: SicSat.
- 2013 Visser, J. C. (2013). A formal account of complex argumentation in a critical discussion. In D. Mohammed & M. Lewiński (Eds.), *Virtues of Argumentation. Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation (OSSA), 22-26 May 2013* (pp. 1-14). Windsor, ON: OSSA.

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## BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2014 Wierda, R., & Visser, J. (2014). Direct-to-consumer advertisements for prescription drugs as an argumentative activity type. In S. Rubinelli & A. F. Snoeck Henkemans (Eds.), *Argumentation and Health* (pp. 81-96). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2013 Visser, J. C. (2013). Bakó, Bernáth, Biróné Kaszás, Györgyjakab and Horváth (Eds.), 2012: *Argumentor*, Proceedings of the Second International Conference on

Argumentation and Rhetoric. *Argumentation*, 27(3), 345-346.

- 2011 Pluijm, L. C. van der, & Visser, J. C. (2011). Hitchcock and Verheij (Eds.), 2006: Arguing on the Toulmin Model, New essays in argument analysis and evaluation. *Argumentation*, 25(4), 527-539.

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#### CONFERENCE AND DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 December 16: Leuven, 13<sup>th</sup> VIOT conference: "The representation of speech acts in a formalised critical discussion".
- „ July 4: Amsterdam, 8<sup>th</sup> ISSA conference: "A formal perspective on the pragma-dialectical discussion model".
- „ June 6: Amsterdam, TAR general dissertation meeting, "Towards a theoretical foundation for digital tools to support pragma-dialectical analysts".
- 2013 October 23: Lisbon, Argupolis workshop, "Defining a dialogue game for critical discussion".
- „ July 3: London, ACAI poster presentation, "Pragma-dialectics and computation".
- „ June 28: Amsterdam, TAR general dissertation meeting, "Towards a pragma-dialectical foundation for argumentative support-software".
- „ May 25: Windsor (ON), 10<sup>th</sup> OSSA conference, "A formal account of complex argumentation in a critical discussion".
- 2012 December 7: Amsterdam, TAR research colloquium, "A preliminary introduction to a study of refutation in a computational model of critical discussion".
- „ June 22: Amsterdam, TAR general dissertation meeting, "From dialogue to axiom".

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#### TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2014-2015 Argumentation and persuasion.  
Strategic manoeuvring.
- 2013-2014 Argumentation analysis and speech act theory.  
Strategic manoeuvring.  
Mentoring of 18 students BA Language and communication.
- 2011-2012 Arguing and discussing.  
Argumentation and persuasion.  
Intercultural communication.  
Introduction to argumentation theory.  
Research skills.

Mentoring of 8 students BA Dutch language and culture.

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#### COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- 2010-2011 Educational programme committee member Rhetoric, Argumentation theory and Philosophy (University of Amsterdam).
- 2006-2007 Vice-president of the University Council (Utrecht University); president of the student faction elected by and representing 30,000 students.
- 2005-2006 Board member Faculty of Humanities (Utrecht University), representing 8,000 students.
- 2005-2006 Board member Department of Philosophy (Utrecht University).
- 2004-2005 Programme board member Cognitive Artificial Intelligence (Utrecht University).
- 2002-2004 Educational programme committee member Cognitive Artificial Intelligence (Utrecht University).

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#### OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2014 Coordinator for the practical organisation of the 8<sup>th</sup> conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation (ISSA).
- 2010-2011 Research assistant to Prof. Dr. F. H. van Eemeren, professor of speech communication, argumentation theory, and rhetoric (University of Amsterdam).
- 2010 Assistant to the organising committee of the 7<sup>th</sup> conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation (ISSA).
- 2005-2006 Student member of reorganisation committee for merger of former Faculties of Linguistics, Philosophy, and Theology into one Faculty of Humanities (Utrecht University).
- 2003-2005 Board member of two organisations supporting and coordinating student participation at Utrecht University.

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#### RESEARCH VISITS

- 2011 January: Dundee, short stay at Argumentation Research Group, School of Computing, University of Dundee.

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## DOCTORAL AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2013 July 1-5: London, King's College, Advanced Course on Artificial Intelligence (ACAI).
- „ May 16-18: Warsaw, Polish Academy of Sciences, Interdisciplinary Graduate School on Argumentation and Rhetoric (IGSAR).
- 2012-2015 Lugano / Lisbon, Argumentation Practices in Context (Argupolis).

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## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2014-... Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication (ACLC).
- 2013-... Benelux Association for Artificial Intelligence (BNVKI-AIABN).
- 2013-... European Network for Social Intelligence (SINTELNET).
- 2012-2014 Amsterdam School of Cultural Analysis (ASCA).
- 2011-... International Learned Institute for Argumentation Studies (ILIAS).
- 2010-... International Society for the Study of Argumentation (ISSA).

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## REVIEWING AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- 2014-... Editor of departmental newsletter, the “Amsterdam Argumentation Chronicle”.
- 2013-... Occasional reviewer for the journal *Argumentation*.

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## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Dutch* Native language.
- English* Fluent in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding.
- German* Good reading and understanding, decent writing and speaking.
- French* Elementary.
- Portuguese* Elementary.
- Italian* Elementary.

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## COMPUTER SKILLS

*General*      Experienced with both MS Windows and Mac OS, and various office suites.

*Coding*      Basic proficiency in Prolog, Haskell, Java, LaTeX, HTML.