Speech Prosody 2022
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Conference Dates: Main Conference: 30 May-2 June 2022
Workshops: 29 May 2022 and 3 June 2022

General Chair: Name: Amalia Arvaniti
Affiliation: Radboud University
Past Speech Prosody conferences attended: Chicago (2010); Dublin (2014); Boston (2016); Poznan (2018); Tokyo (2020).
Experience organizing similar events: Tone and Intonation in Europe (TIE, 2016); British Association of Academic Phoneticians (2018).

Co-chairs: Name: Aoju Chen
Affiliation: Utrecht University
Past Speech Prosody conferences attended: Aix-en-Provence (2002); Dresden (2006); Campinas (2008); Chicago (2010); Dublin (2014); Boston (2016); Poznan (2018); Tokyo (2020).
Experience organizing similar events: Tone and Intonation in Europe (TIE, 2014).

Name: Yiya Chen
Affiliation: Leiden University
Past Speech Prosody conferences attended: Aix-en-Provence (2002); Dresden (2006); Boston (2016); Tokyo (2020).
Experience organizing similar events: Tone and Intonation in Europe (TIE, 2014); Tonal Aspects of languages (TAL, 2014), plus a number of smaller workshops and conferences organized in Leiden and China.

Name: Carlos Gussehoven
Affiliation: Radboud University
Past Speech Prosody conferences attended: Aix-en-Provence (2002); Nara (2004) and Nara satellite in Beijing (=TAL1); Campinas (2008); Chicago (2010); Shanghai (2012); Boston (2016).
Experience organizing similar events: Talen zonder Grenzen (Amsterdam, 1993, Ministerial Foresight Committee); LabPhon 7 (Nijmegen 2000); TIE2004 (Santorini, the first TIE); TAL2014 (Nijmegen).
**Theme: Prosodic Variation**

The aim of the theme is to showcase the facets of prosodic variation and their role in better understanding the structure and functions of prosody. The theme includes four subthemes:

- a. Prosody through the lifespan
- b. Typology and cross-linguistic variation
- c. Individual and social variation
- d. Prosody and contact-induced variation

The conference will include both thematic sessions, based on the above subthemes, as well as non-thematic sessions, and special sessions proposed by members (to be selected after a call).

In addition, **we propose a novel element for SP2022**, dedicating three oral sessions to **emerging themes in prosody research**. These sessions will start with invited talks which will be briefer than the keynotes and delivered by more junior researchers engaged with cutting-edge research on prosody. The aim of these sessions is to generate discussion on and support emerging research in prosody. The sessions will be on the following topics:

- i. Prosody in human-robot interactions
- ii. Prosodic ability and social development
- iii. Prosody and reading skills

**Registration Fees**

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** We have included a virtual participation fee and will be exploring this possibility as a means to broadening participation. Virtual participation will be an option for delegates from developing countries and others who cannot afford to travel; we expect that this group will be small but not insignificant, given the effects of the pandemic on hires and salaries in academia. Virtual participation will also be an option for those concerned about their carbon footprint, or unable to travel because of caring responsibilities or health reasons. We do not anticipate that virtual participation will be chosen by the majority of potential attendees; we see it as an option of last resort for which a short statement explaining one’s reasons will be needed. The fee will cover the cost of organizing virtual participation options (see below).

In addition, we see virtual participation as a way to ensure we are fully prepared for a virtual conference in the event travel restrictions return or continue into 2022. We want these plans to be built into the conference organization rather than be an afterthought, so that – in the event the conference needs to go fully virtual – it will remain as close to the expected format as possible. Possible virtual options include the following:

1. talks streamed live on a dedicated YouTube channel, and also uploaded on a dedicated OSF site, with Q&A sessions for both
2. posters and talks presented using ipostersessions (https://ipostersessions.com/).
3. A conference app, similar to that used at ICPHS (most likely Ex Ordo https://www.exordo.com/); the app will allow participants not only to see the schedule and read abstracts on their phones, but also to arrange meetings and use a virtual notice board and chat function.

4. Virtual meetings with specific attendees, for those attending remotely (http://virtuallyconnecting.org/about/).

It is not possible to finalize these plans; we anticipate that more platforms will be developed in the next two years and we intend to research the matter in preparation for hosting SP2022, to ensure, as noted, broad participation, low carbon footprint, and preparedness for travel restrictions related to COVID-19.

**Venue: Concertgebouw de Vereeniging**
https://www.stadsschouwburgendevereeniging.nl/

The conference will take place at Concertgebouw de Vereeniging, a concert hall in the centre of Nijmegen.

The venue offers the capacity needed for the conference. We plan to use Concertzaal for the plenaries (top image). We will use smaller rooms, such as Annazaal for the satellite workshops.

Concertgebouw de Vereeniging also offers ample space for poster sessions, which will be held concurrently with the coffee breaks (bottom image). There are also two foyers that can be used for lunch (packed lunches are included in the fee).

Finally, Concertgebouw de Vereeniging is very conveniently located: it is an 8-minute walk from the Nijmegen train station and close to a large number of hotels, cafes and restaurants in central Nijmegen.

**LINKS to the venue and rooms**
https://www.stadsschouwburgendevereeniging.nl/
https://www.stadsschouwburgendevereeniging.nl/pQ5QeSw/concertzaal
https://www.stadsschouwburgendevereeniging.nl/pQ7NauZ/annazaal---leeuwzaal?

**Getting there**

**National and International Connections**

Nijmegen is well-connected by train, car, and plane. It is a 90-minute train journey from Schiphol international airport, which has direct connections to more than 300 locations throughout the world. A direct intercity train runs every 30 minutes from Schiphol to Nijmegen, while additional connections via Amsterdam or Utrecht are also possible. Nijmegen can also be reached by train from many European destinations, including the international airport in Düsseldorf, and the airports of Eindhoven in the Netherlands, and Weeze in Germany (used by Ryanair).
Public transport

Nijmegen is very accessible by public transport. Trains stop at Nijmegen Station from several directions. From this station, delegates can walk right into the city centre, the conference venue, and several hotels. Buses run frequently, to practically every location in the city.

Accommodation

Hotels

Nijmegen is the Netherlands’ oldest city, situated at the heart of Europe and surrounded by a number of attractions (https://en.visitnijmegen.com/). It provides its visitors with a wide and varied selection of hotels in several price brackets, ranging from 1 to 4 stars. Every type of accommodation is included, from hostels, and boutique hotels in the old city, to big national and international hotel chains close to the train station. All types of accommodation are available withing walking distance of the conference venue. Camping sites are also available further afield and accessible using public transport.

The price of hotels ranges from €50 to €175 per night. Information about hotels and camping sites is available at the following websites:
https://en.visitnijmegen.com/
https://www.visitingthedutchcountryside.com/gelderland/one-day-in-nijmegen/

Stayokay Arnhem

With annual overnight stays numbering around 1 million, Stayokay is the largest provider of budget accommodation in the Netherlands. Stayokay is affiliated with Hostelling International, a network of more than 4,000 hostels worldwide. Stayokay has a location in Arnhem (https://www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/arnhem) which is 30 minutes by train from Nijmegen.

Couchsurfing and Airbnb

Couchsurfing is a travel community with millions of members around the world, and is the best way to experience Nijmegen like a local. There are over 6,350 hosts in Nijmegen (https://www.couchsurfing.com/places/nijmegen--netherlands). Of course, many citizens of Nijmegen also offer the possibility of staying at their home via Airbnb (over 200 locations ranging from €25 to €100 per night).

Technical Programme Chairs

- Amalia Arvaniti, Radboud University
- Johanneke Caspers, Leiden University
- Aoju Chen, Utrecht University
- Yiya Chen, Leiden University
- Paula Fikkert, Radboud University
- Carlos Gussenhoven, Radboud University
- Emiel Krahmer, Tilburg University
- René Kager, Utrecht University
- James Mc Queen, Radboud & Donders Centre for Cognition
- Hugo Quené, Utrecht University
Marc Swerts, Tilburg University

Other Local Organizing Committee Members

- Marieke Hoetjes, Radboud University
- Esther Jansen, Radboud & Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour
- Kathleen Jepson, Radboud University
- Lieke van Maastricht, Radboud University
- Hans Rutger Bosker, MPI
- Tineke Snijders, MPI
- Cong Zhang, Radboud University

Other Information

Programme

We anticipate that the conference will follow the schedule below:

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Student participation

We plan to provide a rich experience to our participants, especially junior colleagues who will be given several opportunities to discuss their work and network. The five points mentioned below will help us achieve this goal.

1. We have kept registration fees for students low.
2. We have meanwhile requested support for student travel grants from a number of institutions in the Netherlands, and plan to request support from scholarly societies, including ISCA and the IPA.
3. We will be receiving additional funds from two research projects, SPRINT (Arvaniti) and MELODY (Y. Chen), as well as the Dutch Research Council (NWO).
4. In addition to the traditional four invited keynotes covering the four subthemes, we plan to invite three less senior speakers in emerging areas and have smaller parallel sessions in these areas on the last day of the conference (for themes, see above).
5. We will host a drinks reception for student participants so they can meet the invited speakers and organizing committee in an informal setting.

Location

Nijmegen has a long and distinguished tradition in the study of prosody. It is the location of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Radboud University, and the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour. The Nijmegen group will be closely collaborating with the co-chairs and technical programme chairs within the Netherlands and have the benefit of a large local organizing
committee. The organization of SP2022 by a team rather than a single organizer (or a single PI’s group) guarantees success, as the entire team has extensive and varied expertise in prosody research and ample experience in conference organization, with over 10 conferences and workshops organized by the chair and co-chairs alone. The Nijmegen group will be assisted by Marjo Moorman-Nieuwenhuis (Radboud University) and her team, who will help with conference logistics, and the professional team of Concertgebouw de Vereeniging led by Merel van Oirschot. And not to forget, Nijmegen is a beautiful, well-connected city, where there is a lot to see and do!

Social programme & facilities

To facilitate interaction, we plan the following social events, all of which will take place at Concertgebouw de Vereeniging (see image overleaf):

1. Welcome reception for all attendees on the first evening of the conference.
2. Drinks reception for students, invited speakers, and the extended organizing committee on the second evening of the conference.
3. Conference banquet on the third evening of the conference. This will be an optional dinner at €68 per person for a three course meal, including wine and soft drinks.

Finally, if there is interest, we are also prepared to provide babysitting facilities for those travelling with young families.

We hope to see you in Nijmegen in 2022!