Speech Prosody 2024
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Conference Dates: Conference: July 2-5, 2024
Workshops: July 1, 2024

General Chair:
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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 Languages (TAL, 2014), plus several conferences/workshops organized in Leiden and China.

Co-chairs:
Name: Amalia Arvaniti
Affiliation: Radboud University
Past Speech Prosody conferences attended: Chicago (2010); Dublin (2014); Boston (2016); Poznan (2018); Tokyo (2020); Lisbon (2022).
Experience organizing similar events: Tone and Intonation in Europe (TIE, 2016); British Association of Academic Phoneticians (2018); and Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (2023).

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); Lisbon (2022)
Experience organizing similar events: Tone and Intonation in Europe (TIE, 2014), and workshops in Utrecht.
Theme: Prosodic Variation

The conference aims to showcase the facets of prosodic variation and their role in the production, comprehension, and acquisition of speech in order to obtain a better understanding of the structure and function of prosody. The theme includes four subthemes:

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

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

In addition, we particularly welcome contributions that investigate under-studied languages with interdisciplinary research methods.

Registration Fees

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The above fees are provisional. The amount of the fees will depend on the number of participants and on whether we are able to find a free/low-cost conference venue (Plan A) or not (Plan B). The registration fees cover the following:

1) A welcome reception for all participants  
2) Coffee/tea and other refreshments  
3) Reception or lunch meeting for students with invited speakers and the extended organizing committee  
4) A lunch buffet for all reviewers
We will also offer a significant reduction (about 40%) of the registration fees for delegates from lower/lower-middle-income countries, as defined by The World Bank Index. Furthermore, we are committed to exploring all possible funding opportunities (e.g., the Leiden University Fund, ISCA, and IPA) to support the participation of students and under-supported junior researchers. In addition, we will be receiving additional funds from three research projects, SPRINT (Arvaniti), MELODY (Y. Chen), SoundStart (A. Chen).

Our current plan is to host an on-site Speech Prosody conference in 2024. However, we are fully aware of unpredictable factors at the current time, which makes it challenging to finalize all plans. Furthermore, we anticipate that more platforms will be developed to make hybrid conferences enjoyable and effective. We intend to research hybrid options in preparation for hosting SP2024 to ensure broad participation, low carbon footprint, and preparedness for travel restrictions.

**Venue: Leiden University**

We estimate the number of delegates to be 200-250. For the oral sessions, we propose the lecture hall (with a capacity of 300) at the Kamerlingh Onnes Gebouw (KOG) at the Leiden Law School. If needed, we can consider alternative lecture halls at the Lipsius building at the Faculty of Humanities. For the poster sessions, we plan to utilize the halls of university buildings such as Arsenaal and Lipsius. If the number of delegates is larger than estimated, we propose the Hooglandsekerk in the center of Leiden, which is a 6-minute walk from the KOG and has a beautiful big hall. If needed, we can consider the Scheltema, a former cloth factory established in 1817.

**Getting to Leiden**

Leiden is a 15-minute train ride from the Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol, which has direct connections to over 300 locations throughout the world. Other possibilities when traveling by airplane are Rotterdam Airport, less than one hour from Leiden, or Eindhoven Airport, 1,5 hours from Leiden. In addition, all airports have excellent connections to public transport. Traveling by train to Leiden is very convenient. Most international trains run to Rotterdam Central Station (30 minutes from Leiden), Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol (15 minutes from Leiden), Amsterdam Central Station (35 minutes from Leiden), or Utrecht Central Station (40
minutes from Leiden). All these destinations have direct connections to Leiden, running several times per hour throughout the whole day.

Once you reach Leiden, basically all points of interest are within walking distance. Delegates can walk right into the city center, the conference venues, restaurants, hotels, and many museums in the city.

Accommodation

Hotels

Leiden 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 within walking distance of the conference venue. Camping sites are also available within walking/biking distance.

The following is a list of hotels and websites

Hotel De Doelen
www.dedoelen.com
Rapenburg 2 2311 EV Leiden

Hotel Nieuw Minerva
www.nieuwminerva.nl
Boommarkt 23 2311 EA

Leiden Hotel Ibis
Stationsplein 240-242 2312 AR

Leiden Tulip Inn Leiden Centre
www.tulipinleidencentre.nl
Schipholweg 3 2316 XB

Leiden Golden Tulip Leiden Centre
www.goldentulipleidencentre.nl
Schipholweg 3 2316 XB Leiden

Best Western City Hotel Leiden
www.bestwesterncityhotelleiden.nl
Lange Mare 43 2312 GP

Leiden Rembrandt Hotel Leiden
https://www.rembrandthotel.nl
Nieuwe Beestenmarkt 10 2312 CH

Leiden Hotel Mayflower
www.hotelmayflower.nl
Beestenmarkt 3 2312 CC

Leiden Boutique Hotel Huys Van Leyden
www.huysvanleyden.nl
Oude Singel 212 2312 RJ Leiden
Stayokay The Hague (Den Hague)
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. The Hague is only about 12 minutes away from Leiden by train, with a train ride every 20 minutes.

Couchsurfing and Airbnb
Couchsurfing is a travel community with millions of members around the world and is the best way to experience Leiden like a local. There are about 5,000 hosts in Leiden (https://www.couchsurfing.com/places/leiden—netherlands). Of course, many citizens of Leiden also offer the possibility of staying at their homes via Airbnb.

Technical Program Chairs
- Amalia Arvaniti, Radboud University
- Johanneke Caspers, Leiden University
- Aoju Chen, Utrecht University
- Yiya Chen, Leiden University
- Paula Fikkert, Radboud University
- Carlos Gussehoven, Radboud University
- Lieke van Maastricht, Radboud University
- James McQueen, Radboud University & Donders Centre for Cognition
- Hugo Quené, Utrecht University
- Hans Rutger Bosker, Radboud University & MPI
- Marc Swerts, Tilburg University

Local Organizing Committee
- Bert Botma, Leiden University
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- Yiran Ding, Leiden University
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- Hana Hasanah, Leiden University
- Priscilla Lam, Leiden University
- Victoria Reshetnikova, Utrecht University
- Xinyi Wen, Leiden University
- Charlie Xu, Leiden University
Other Information

Program
We propose the following components:

- 4 Keynotes
- Main (thematic and non-thematic sessions) + special sessions (call for proposals)
  ~ Oral presentations (11 talks per day)
  ~ Poster presentations (one long session or two short sessions per day)
- Workshops/Tutorials (call for proposals)

Location
Leiden, the European City of Science in 2022 and the Netherlands’ oldest university town, is one big open-air museum well worth your time exploring. The summer time in Leiden is particularly lovely.

- A historical center with about 28 kilometers of canals/waterways and 88 bridges
- A city with 3,000 monuments and 13 museums (including four national museums)
- From almshouses to windmills and churches to city gates, all located within a short walking distance from one another

From Leiden, Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam are within a 35-kilometer radius and easily accessible by public transportation. At just 12 kilometers from Leiden, you will find the North Sea beaches and magnificent dunes inviting for a nice walk or simply a relaxing break at one of the many restaurants and cafes.

Leiden University, dating from 1575, is the first university in the Netherlands and one of Europe’s leading international research universities. Leiden University Center for Linguistics (LUCL) has a longstanding tradition in research in the world’s languages and unites a wide range of linguistic subdisciplines in its research profile area “Language Diversity in the World”.

The Leiden local organizing team will be closely collaborating with the co-chairs and technical programme chairs within the Netherlands. The organization of SP2024 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.
Social program

To facilitate interaction, we plan the following social events:

1. Welcome reception for all attendees on the first evening of the conference
2. Reception or lunch meeting for students with invited speakers and the extended organizing committee
3. Lunch buffet for all reviewers
4. Conference banquet on the third evening of the conference (estimated €60 per person)

In addition, we plan to arrange for discounts for the Leiden Botanical Garden and some of the Leiden museums. Other possible activities we could help arrange include a guided walking tour of Leiden and a Leiden canal boat trip.

We hope to see you in Leiden in 2024!