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EMPLOYMENT

October 2024 – ongoing: **Postdoctoral researcher** (University of Jyväskylä)
October 2023 – October 2024: **Project researcher** (University of Jyväskylä)

- Responsible for the motion capture work package in the *ShowTell* project (https://www.jyu.fi/en/projects/showtell-showing-and-telling-in-finnish-sign-language) on constructed action in Finnish Sign Language

- Collaboration with several colleagues on the interpretation and dissemination of results related to other *ShowTell* work packages

- Co-organiser of *LINNORD, Nordic Innovations in Linguistics at the University of Jyväskylä* (20-21 March 2025)

October 2019- September 2023: Research Fellow funded by F.R.S.-FNRS (*University of Namur*)

- 2022-2023: Member of the scientific board of the Namur Institute of Language, Text and Transmediality (*University of Namur*)

- 2022- 2023: Member of the Board of the Faculty of Arts (*University of Namur*)

- Jan-July 2022: Research visit at the Sign Language Center of the University of Jyväskylä

- 2020-2021: Teaching of excercise sessions on multimodal viewpoint expression in LANGB301 - English Language and Linguistics: Advanced Studies (*University of Namur*)

- 2021: Co-editor of the *Papers of the* Linguistic Society of Belgium (Vol. 15)

- 2020: Co-organisation of the of the Linguistic Society of Belgium's Linguists' Day

November 2018 – September 2019: Literacy teacher at *Alpha-Signes NGO*

- Providing support in LSFB to deaf adults training their French reading and writing skills

- Designing teaching materials

EDUCATION

October 2019- October 2024: PhD in Languages, Literature and Translation Studies
(*University of Namur*) – Supervisors: Laurence Meurant (*University of Namur*) and Philippe De Brabanter (*Université Libre de Bruxelles*)

o <u>September – December 2021</u>: Techniques of International Sign (*Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve - UCLouvain*)

o <u>July 2021</u>**:** Corpus Linguistics Summer School 2021 (*University of Birmingham*)

o <u>February – June 2021</u>: Introduction to International Sign (*Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve - UCLouvain*)

o <u>January – March 2021</u>: 'Vulgare' coaching in public presentation and pitch writing (*UNamur*)

o <u>January 2021</u>: VU Graduate Winter School: 'Gestures: How to Analyze Forms, Meaning and Functions' (*Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*)

o <u>2019 – 2020</u>: LSFB course: B2.2 (*IHECS Academy*)

2016 – 2018: Master's Degree in Linguistics (Université Libre de Bruxelles) – Summa cum laude

o <u>2016 – 2018</u>: LSFB courses: up to B2.1 (*Haute École Léonard de Vinci Bruxelles*)

o <u>May 2017</u>**:** Sign-Hub LABEX Summer School in Sign Language Linguistics (*Università degli Studi di Milano*)

2013 - 2016: Bachelor's Degree in Modern Languages and Literatures, English and Spanish (Université Libre de Bruxelles) – Magna cum laude

o <u>2015-2016</u>: Minor in Political Sciences (*Vrije Universiteit Brussel*)

o <u>September - December 2015</u>: Erasmus exchange (*University of Edinburgh*)

2007 – 2013: Secondary education (*Collège Saint-Pierre d'Uccle*)

o Modern languages: English, Dutch, Spanish

o Dutch immersion programme

PUBLICATIONS – Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Hernández, D., Puupponen, A., Keränen, J., Vandenitte, S., Anible, B., Ortega, G. & Jantunen, T. (2025). Neuroelectrical and behavioral correlates of constructed action recognition in Finnish Sign Language. *Neuroscience, 575,* 140–149. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroscience.2025.03.046

Lepeut, A., Lombart, C., Vandenitte, S., & Meurant, L. (2024). Spoken and signed languages hand in hand: parallel and directly comparable corpora of French Belgian Sign Language (LSFB) and French. *Corpora*, *19*(2), 241-253. https://doi.org/10.3366/cor.2024.0309

Vandenitte, S. (2022). Making referents seen and heard across signed and spoken languages: Documenting and interpreting cross-modal differences in the use of enactment. *Frontiers in psychology*, *13*, 784339. https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.784339

Vandenitte, S. (2022). Showing where you stand: The depictive potential of the lexical sign LS in LSFB conversations about language attitudes. *Belgian Journal of Linguistics*, *36*(1), 46-72. https://doi.org/10.1075/bjl.00071.van

PUBLICATIONS – Book chapters

Lepeut, A., Lombart, C., Vandenitte, S. & Meurant, L. (2025). Make it a Double: The Building and Use of the LSFB and FRAPé Corpora to Study and Compare French Belgian Sign Language and Belgian French. In T. Leuschner, A., Vajnovszki, G. Delaby & J. Barðdal (Eds.), *How to Do Things with Corpora: Methodological Issues and Case Studies on Grammar* (pp. 31-64). J.B. Metzler, Berlin, Heidelberg. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-69690-3_3

Vandenitte, S. (2023). When referents are seen and heard: A comparative study of constructed action in the discourse of LSFB (French Belgian Sign Language) signers and Belgian French speakers. In L. Gardelle, L. Vincent-Durroux, & H. Vinckel-Roisin (Eds.), *Studies in Language Companion Series: From conventions to pragmatics* (pp. 127 - 149). (Studies in Language Companion Series; Vol. 228). https://doi.org/10.1075/slcs.228.07van

PUBLICATIONS – Conference proceedings

Sargano, A. B., Vandenitte, S., Jantunen, T. and Kimmelman, V., "Evaluation of Head Pose Estimation Algorithms for Sign Language Analysis", *2024 International Conference on IT and Industrial Technologies (ICIT)*, Chiniot, Pakistan, 2024, pp. 1-6, doi: https://doi.org/10.1109/ICIT63607.2024.10859486.

Vandenitte, S. (2021). Construire l'action pour rendre les référents visibles en LSFB: Une étude pilote des mouvements corporels dépictifs. In S. Vandenitte, A. Lepeut, & L. Meurant (Eds.), *Travaux du Cercle belge de linguistique* (Vol. 15). https://sites.uclouvain.be/bkl-cbl/fr/publications/travaux-du-cbl/volume-15-2021/

Vandenitte, S. (2019). Une approche pragmatique du transfert personnel en langues des signes: La construction du discours et de l'action à visée illustrative. In C. Béchet, L. Brems, & M. Steffens (Eds.), *Travaux du Cercle Belge de Linguistique* (Vol. 13). https://sites.uclouvain.be/bkl-cbl/en/journals/papers-of-the-lsb/volume-13-2019/

PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

o <u>September 2021</u>: Best presentation by a PhD student (3rd prize) granted by the Societas Linguistica Europaea.

o <u>March 2021</u>: Audience award at the UNamur edition of MT180 competition (*Ma thèse en 180 secondes* – My thesis in 3 minutes)

o <u>2021</u>: Laureate of the SofinaBoël Fund for Education and Talent

o <u>2019-2023</u>: F.R.S.-FNRS Research Fellow¨

SKILLS

o Corpus collection and analysis
o Kinematic data analysis
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o ELAN

LANGUAGES

o French (native proficiency)
o English (full professional proficiency)
o LSFB (full professional proficiency)
o Dutch (professional working proficiency)
o Italian (professional working proficiency)
o Spanish (professional working proficiency)
o International Sign (limited working proficiency)
o FinSL (limited working proficiency)