

# ESTHER VAN DEN BERG

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## EDUCATION

- 2016 – present      Heidelberg University  
PHD COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS  
Thesis: “Computational and Corpus-based Analysis of Entity Framing”
- 2014 – 2016      Saarland University – University of Groningen (Erasmus Mundus Joint Degree)  
MSc & MA LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES  
Thesis: “Noisy Label Neural Networks”
- 2011 – 2014      VU University Amsterdam  
BA LINGUISTICS & ENGLISH LINGUISTICS

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2020      Leibniz ScienceCampus:  
Empirical Linguistics and Computational Language Modeling  
RESEARCHER
- Improved deep learning methods for detecting entity framing in news texts
  - Studied how political figures are framed on Twitter in multiple languages
- Summer 2019      CoGrammar Ltd  
CONTENT EDITOR
- Created text and exercises on machine learning for a Data Science course
- 2014 – 2015      University of Groningen  
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
- Automated annotation of Greek epigraphs using relational databases
- 2013 – 2014      VU University of Amsterdam  
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
- Co-designed annotation scheme for the MetLab’s visual metaphor corpus

## PUBLICATIONS

Esther van den Berg, Katharina Korfhage, Josef Ruppenhofer, Michael Wiegand and Katja Markert (2020). Doctor Who? Framing Through Names and Titles in German. In: [Proceedings of the 12th Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation](#), pages 4924-4932.

David Ifeoluwa Adelani, Michael A. Hedderich, Dawei Zhu, Esther van den Berg, and Dietrich Klakow. Distant Supervision and Noisy Label Learning for Low Resource Named Entity Recognition: A Study on Hausa and Yorùbá. [arXiv preprint arXiv:2003.08370](#) (Accepted to ICLR Workshop, 2020).

Esther van den Berg, Katharina Korfhage, Josef Ruppenhofer, Michael Wiegand and Katja Markert (2019). Not My President: How Names and Titles Frame Political Figures. In: [Proceedings of the Third Workshop on NLP and Computational Social Science at NAACL](#), pages 1-6.

Marianna Bolognesi, Romy van den Heerik & Esther van den Berg (2018). VisMet: a corpus of visual metaphors. *Visual Metaphor: structure and process*. Amsterdam: Benjamins Publishers.

Julian Hitschler, Esther van den Berg and Ines Rehbein (2017). Authorship attribution with convolutional neural networks and POS-eliding. In: *Proceedings of the Workshop on Stylistic Variation at EMNLP*, pages 53-58.

Manuela Hürlimann, Benno Weck, Esther van den Berg, Simon Šuster, and Malvina Nissim. GLAD: Groningen Lightweight Authorship Detection (2015). *Notebook for PAN at CLEF 2015*, In: Linda Cappellato, Nicola Ferro, Gareth Jones, and Eric San Juan, editors, *CLEF 2015 Evaluation Labs and Workshop – Working Notes Papers*, pages 8-11.

## SKILLS

Technological	Python, Pandas, PyTorch, AllenNLP, Scikit-learn, NLTK, LaTeX, Unix, Weka, R
Focus Areas	Sentiment Analysis, Bias Detection, Authorship Attribution
Languages	Fluent: Dutch, English, German, Intermediate: French, Spanish
Personal	Cooking, table tennis, percussion, hiking, swimming