

Professional profile

Marjolein Poortvliet is a linguist working on diachronic change in the syntax and semantics of verbal constructions in the Germanic languages. Taking a constructionist approach, she researches language change in perception and copular verbal constructions, with special attention on changes in evidentiality, epistemicity, and subjectivity. She uses corpus linguistics to obtain data, ranging from old texts from the Middle Ages to recent tweets from Twitter, in order to trace and analyze these developments.

Her most recent position (April 2019 – February 2021) was that of post-doctoral researcher in the EPoCC research group and at the Department of Linguistics at Charles University. Here, she worked on the project *These copular verbs read interesting: a corpus-based analysis of copularization in English*, under the supervision of Prof. Mirjam Fried.

Marjolein obtained her PhD in Linguistics from the University of Oxford in May 2018 (titled *Perception and Predication*, under the supervision of Prof. Mary Dalrymple and Prof. Ash Asudeh), after which she was a lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Amsterdam (fall 2018 & spring 2019).