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Curriculum Vitae

Frank Landsbergen was born in Eindhoven on the 20th of July 1977, where he attended the Lorentz Lyceum (1989-1995). After graduation, he spent a year at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, USA, with a scholarship from NACEE.

After coming back to the Netherlands in 1996, he enrolled in the Industrial Engineering program at the Technical University of Delft. He earned his *propedeuse* degree there, but decided to move to Leiden University and continue in the General Linguistics program. After a year, he switched to the study of Dutch Language and Culture, where he could combine his specialization in modern linguistics with courses in literature. He graduated in 2002.

From 2003 until 2007, he held a position as a PhD student at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, participating in an NWO-funded interdisciplinary project. His research during that period, on cultural-evolutionary modeling of patterns in language change, resulted in the present study. From 2007 until the spring of 2009, he worked at the Taalcentrum-VU in Amsterdam. At present, he works as a computer linguist on the European IMPACT program at the Leiden Institute for Lexicology (INL).