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### Stellingen

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# The historical development of the Dutch posture-verb progressive construction including a comparison with German

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- 1. In Dutch, the posture-verb construction with *en(de)* as a connector is independent of the posture-verb construction with *te* as a connector. (This dissertation)
- 2. The Dutch posture-verb construction with *en(de)* as a connector generally has a biclausal structure. (This dissertation)
- 3. The Dutch posture-verb construction with te as a connector replaced the older construction with en(de) in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. (This dissertation)
- 4. The German pseudo-coordinate structure with posture verbs is not a grammaticalized progressive construction. (This dissertation)
- 5. In comparing Dutch and German, it becomes evident that even closely related languages may differ considerably in the extent to which a certain linguistic form is grammaticalized.
- 6. Collaboration between corpus linguistics and grammaticalization theory benefits both sides, with the former providing the data and the latter conferring explanatory power.
- 7. Technical developments in the field of Dutch corpus linguistics have opened up the possibility to examine historical data from a quantitative perspective.
- 8. A thorough investigation of historical data is crucial for gaining an accurate understanding of a language.
- 9. Historical texts deserve proper protection so that they survive into the future.
- 10. The PhD journey is adventurous and tough, but also enjoyable, with all the people who travel with you and support you.