



## **Biodata**

**Dirk Geeraerts** is professor of linguistics at the University of Leuven, where he founded the research group Quantitative Lexicology and Variational Linguistics at the turn of the millennium.

In terms of research domains, Dirk Geeraerts' main focus involves the fields of lexical semantics and lexicology. His theoretical orientation is mainly that of cognitive and usage-based linguistics, with a special emphasis on cognitive sociolinguistics, and on the position of Cognitive Linguistics in the history of contemporary linguistics. His involvement with Cognitive Linguistics dates from the 1980s, when his PhD was one of the first in Europe to explore the possibilities of a prototype-theoretical model of categorization.

As the founder of the journal *Cognitive Linguistics*, he played an important role in the international expansion of Cognitive Linguistics. He is the editor, with Hubert Cuyckens, of *The Oxford Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics*. Since 2005, he is managing editor of Mouton de Gruyter's *Cognitive Linguistics Research* series.

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