
Expert in Statistics and Methodology for Behavioral and Social Research

STATISTICAL CONSULTANT @ Centre for Statistics

UHasselt

data analysis and design of studies for external clients

01.03.16 - current

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

KU Leuven

Post Doc @ Methodology of Educational Sciences Research Group

18.05.15 - 27.07.15

*evaluation of bootstrap procedures for meta-analysis on single case data
 development of user interface for the analysis of single case data*

Post Doc @ Centre for Educational Effectiveness and Evaluation

multiple contracts

statistical analyses of test data on mathematics and languages

13.10.13 - 20.12.13

19.05.14 - 08.06.14

15.12.14 - 31.12.14

Post Doc @ Interactive Technologies

multiple contracts

*study of adaptive learning environments for language learning; methodology and statistics
 includes internal and external consultancy, teaching, giving workshops and support in data-analysis*

01.06.10 - 31.10.11

01.02.12 - 14.02.12

10.12.12 - 15.03.13

05.06.13 - 04.09.13

Post Doc @ Research Group Quantitative Psychology and Individual Differences

01.11.08 - 31.12.09

modeling the inter individually different evolution of naturalistically observed emotions: a dynamic systems approach

PhD training @ Methodology of Educational Sciences Research Group

01.10.04 - 30.09.08

study of multilevel design efficiency using simulation (promoters W. Van den Noortgate & P. Onghena)

defense 06/10/08

Research Fellow @ Centre for Sociology of Education

01.01.00 - 31.08.01

*survey research on the perceived effectiveness of high-school mergers by the teaching staff
 commissioned by the Department of Education in Flanders (OBPWO)*

Independent

development of an automatic scoring tool

05.12

development of procedures for representing and statistically analyzing data

06.12

data analyses for scale development and IRT item calibration

02.12

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

KU Leuven

PhD in Methodology of Educational Research

04-08

Master in Statistics

social & behavioral statistics

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Master in Artificial Intelligence

cognitive sciences

98-99

Licentiate in Psychology

theoretical psychology

93-98

with Teacher Training

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

statistical software: R / SAS (+ Statistica & MLwiN)

data management: R (+ basic SQL)

programming: R / SAS (+ Java & basic Python)

languages: Dutch, English and some French

OUTPUT

Articles

- Cools, W., Van den Noortgate, W., & Onghena, P. (2009). Design efficiency for imbalanced multilevel data. *Behavior Research Methods*, 41, pp. 192-203. DOI: 10.3758/BRM.41.1.192
- Cools, W., De Fraine, B., Van den Noortgate, W., & Onghena, P. (2009). Multilevel design efficiency in educational effectiveness research. *School effectiveness and school improvement*, 3, 357-373. DOI: 10.1080/09243450902850176
- Cools, W., Van den Noortgate, W., & Onghena, P. (2008). ML-DEs: Multilevel design efficiency using simulation. *Behavior Research Methods*, 40, pp. 236-249. DOI: 10.3758/BRM.40.1.236
- Kadengye, D.T., Cools, W., Ceulemans, E., & Van den Noortgate, W. (2011). Simple Imputation Methods versus Direct Likelihood Analysis for Missing Item Scores in Multilevel Educational Data. *Behavior Research Methods*, 44, pp. 516-531, DOI: 10.3758/s13428-011-0157-x.

Tool

- Cools, W., Van den Noortgate, W., & Onghena, P. (2006). *ML-DEs: MultiLevel Design Efficiency using simulation*. [<https://perswww.kuleuven.be/~u0032822/ML-DEs.html>] (scripts and manual).

Presentations

- Cools, W., Tuerlinckx, F., Kuppens, P. (2009, July). *Modeling the individual specific oscillatory evolution of emotion in continuous time*. Paper presented at the 9th International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Cools, W., Van den Noortgate, W., & Onghena, P. (2007, August). *Power and Accuracy in Multilevel Designs: An Application to Educational Research*. Paper presented at the 56th meeting of the International Statistical Institute, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Cools, W., Van den Noortgate, W., & Onghena, P. (2007, October). *Design efficiency in estimation and statistical testing of multilevel variance parameters: A simulation study*. Paper presented at the 15th meeting of the Belgian Statistical Society, Antwerp, Belgium.
- Cools, W., & Van den Noortgate, W. (2008, July). *Multilevel Design Efficiency using Simulation: Two Exemplary Studies*. Paper presented at the 3rd European Congress of Methodology, Oviedo, Spain.
- Van den Noortgate, W., & Cools, W. (2008, July). *Sample-size requirements for a three-level meta-analysis*. Paper presented at the 3th European Congress of Methodology, Oviedo, Spain.
- Van den Noortgate, W., & Cools, W. (2009, May). *Three level meta-analyses*. Paper presented at The Campbell Collaboration Colloquium, Oslo, Norway.

Poster

- Cools, W., Desmet, P., & Van den Noortgate, W. (2012, June). *Learning to Conjugate Verbs in a Second Language, how to analyze it*. Poster presented at the Leuven Statistics Day, Leuven, Belgium.

External Workshops

- Cools, W. & Van den Noortgate W. (2012, May) *Statistics for testing*. A four-day workshop on a wide variety of methodological and statistical issues related to the testing of ability.
- Van den Noortgate W. & Cools, W. (2011, June) *The use of R for doing meta analyses*. Campbell workshop in KU Leuven.