



## **Brief Vita of Teun A. van Dijk**

Teun A. van Dijk (1943) was professor of Discourse Studies at the University of Amsterdam until 2004.

Since 1999 he is visiting professor at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

He took degrees in French language and literature at the Free University (VU) of Amsterdam, and in Theory of Literature at the University of Amsterdam (UvA), and received a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Amsterdam. He also studied in Strasbourg, Paris and Berkeley.

His early research was about the linguistic study of literature, but soon changed to the development of "text grammars" and discourse pragmatics, later followed by research (partly with Walter Kintsch) on the cognitive psychology of discourse processing.

His work in the 1980s focused on two major areas, viz., the study of the structures, production and comprehension of news reports in the press, and the analysis of the expression of ethnic prejudices in various types of discourse (textbooks, news reports, conversations, parliamentary discourse, corporate discourse), with special emphasis on the relations between discourse structures, (prejudiced) social cognitions about ethnic minority groups and Third World peoples, and the ways "elite racism" is reproduced in (Western) societies.

In the 1990s this work was being extended towards a more general study of the role of power and ideology in discourse and the reproduction of sociopolitical beliefs in society.

His projects after 2000 are about discourse, context and knowledge.

He also directs an international project (with teams in Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru) on discourse and racism in Latin America.

This research has been published in some 40 monographs and edited books, and in more than 250 scholarly articles.

He holds three honorary doctorates and his work has been translated into a dozen foreign languages (including Russian, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese).

Teun A. van Dijk founded the journal TTT (a Dutch linguistics journal) and six international journals, *Poetics*, *Text* (now called *Text & Talk*), *Discourse and Society*, *Discourse Studies*, *Discourse and Communication*, and the internet journal in Spanish *Discurso & Sociedad* of which he still edits the latter four.

Teun A. van Dijk has lectured widely in Europe, the Americas, and other countries. He speaks Dutch, English, Spanish, German, French and Portuguese, and understands (and speaks more or less) Italian, Catalan, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian.

Teun A. van Dijk lives in Barcelona, Spain, since 1999. In 2014 he hopes to be visiting professor at UNIRIO in Rio de Janeiro.

His major books in English are:

- Some Aspects of Text Grammars (The Hague: Mouton, 1972)
- Text and Context (London: Longman, 1977)
- Macrostructures (Hillsdale, N.J.: Erlbaum, 1980)
- Studies in the Pragmatics of Discourse (The Hague: Mouton, 1981)
- Strategies of Discourse Comprehension (with W. Kintsch; New York: Academic Press, 1983)
- Prejudice in Discourse (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 1984)
- Discourse and Communication (Ed.)(Berlin: de Gruyter, 1985)
- Handbook of Discourse Analysis (Ed.)(4 vols., London: Academic Press, 1985)
- Communicating Racism (Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1987)
- News as Discourse (Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum, 1988)
- News Analysis (Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum, 1988)
- Discourse and Discrimination (Detroit: Wayne State U.P, 1988)(with Geneva Smitherman, Eds.).
- Racism and the Press (London: Routledge, 1991)
- Elite Discourse and Racism (Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1993).
- Discourse Studies, 2 vols. (Ed.). (London: Sage, 1997).
- Ideology (London: Sage, 1998).
- Racism at the Top (Klagenfurt, Drava Verlag, 2000)(with Ruth Wodak, Eds.).
- Communicating Ideologies (with Martin Pütz & JoAnne Neff-van Aertselaer, Eds.)(Frankfurt, Lang, 2004).
- Racism and discourse in Spain and Latin America. (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 2005).
- Discourse Studies (Ed.). 5 vols. Sage Benchmarks Series London: Sage, 2007.
- Discourse and Context. A sociocognitive approach. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- Society and discourse. How Social Contexts Influence Text and Talk. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- Discourse and Power. (Houndsmills: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2008).
- Racism and Discourse in Latin America (Ed.). Lexington Books (Lanham, MD., 2009).
- Discourse and Knowledge. A cognitive approach. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014 (in press))

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