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Vanessa is professor of Human Media Interaction and Scientific Director of the DesignLab at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Vanessa has studied at the University of Amsterdam, the University of New South Wales in Sydney and the Open University, UK. She has been a visiting scholar at Towson and Stanford University. Her research focuses on the intersection of Computer Science, AI, Design and Psychology and mainly concerns people's Interaction with Autonomous Agents such as robots or machine learning systems.

She is best known for her work on social robotics such as on the robots FROG, TERESA and SPENCER that can interpret human behaviour automatically and respond to people in a socially acceptable way. Vanessa is passionate about deploying robot solutions in real world environments and involving users and stakeholders in the design and development process. This requires multidisciplinary science teams that are able to work together across disciplinary and other boundaries such as culture.

She has published over 100 works and is associate editor for the journals such as the International Journal of Human Robot interaction and the journal of Social Robotics.