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CURRENT POSITION

PhD Student & Scientific Stuff

Bielefeld University, Germany

CRC 1646: *Linguistic creativity in communication*

Project A01: *Creativity in (morpho)syntactic variation. The role of analogy*

since 2024

EDUCATION

Master of Arts | German Studies with distinction

Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

Thesis: *Was zu beschreiben ist: Nicht-kanonische Passivstrukturen im Deutschen*

2021 – 2024

Bachelor of Arts | Major: German Studies, History, Minor: Optionalbereich mit Profil Lehramt

Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

2018 – 2021

Abitur

Gymnasium am Fredenberg, Salzgitter, Germany

2017

PUBLICATIONS

(in prep.)

Reanalysis by Analogy: Extraction from complement-like wenn-clauses in German. In: *Proceedings of NELS 56.*

(submitted)

A derivational account on factive islands in German. Languages, Special issue: New Trends in Syntactic Islands.

(2025)

Was zu beschreiben ist: Towards a taxonomy of German non-canonical passives,

In: Federica Longo, L. Russo Cardona, L., T. Sgrizzi, and H. Tamleh, (eds).

Proceedings of the 33rd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (29–31 January 2025, University of Göttingen), 155–179. Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.

TALKS AND POSTER

Factive Islands in German. Do modal particles improve the acceptability of extraction?

Talk at ConSOLE 34

IUSS Pavia, Italy

01/2026

Proportional Analogy & Extraction from complement-like wenn-clauses

Poster at 7th CRC Networking Workshop

Bielefeld University, Germany

11/2025

Factive Islands in German. On Factors influencing the Acceptability of wh-Extraction

Talk at New perspectives on long distance dependencies (Workshop part of the Annual International Conference of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures 20-22 November 2025)

University of Bucharest, Rumania

11/2025

Reanalysis by Analogy: The case of extraction from German wenn-clauses

Talk at CCD

Bielefeld University, Germany

10/2025

<i>Reanalysis by Analogy: The case of extraction from German wenn-clauses</i> Poster at NELS 56 New York University, New York	10/2025
<i>Creativity in (morpho)syntactic variation. The role of analogy</i> Poster together with Daczó, Szilvia at 3rd CRC Day Bielefeld University, Germany	10/2025
<i>On Morphosyntactic Creativity by Analogy</i> <i>Case Studies on Long-Distance Dependencies in Hungarian and German</i> Talk at together with Daczó, Szilvia at CRC Colloquium Bielefeld University, Germany	07/2025
<i>German wenn-clauses and Linguistic Creativity</i> Talk at LinCreGG Bielefeld University, Germany	05/2025
<i>Wenn wir es nur wüssten – Syntaktische Ambiguität von und Extraktion aus wenn-Sätzen</i> Talk at GAKT-BI – Kreativität und Interpretation Bielefeld University, Germany	04/2025
<i>Wenn wir es nur wüssten – Syntaktische Ambiguität von und Extraktion aus wenn-Sätzen</i> Talk at STaPs-22 Universities of Budapest, Innsbruck, and Tübingen	04/2025
<i>Studies on Long-distance Dependencies</i> Poster together with Daczó, Szilvia at 2nd CRC Day Bielefeld University, Germany	04/2025
<i>Towards a taxonomy of German non-canonical passives</i> Talk at ConSOLE 33 Georg-August University Göttingen, Germany	01/2025

TEACHING

Seminar, undergraduate (Proseminar) <i>Grundlagen der generativen Grammatik und die (historische) Syntax des Deutschen</i> Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany	Summer term/2025
Seminar, undergraduate (Proseminar) <i>Deutsche Syntax: Eine diachrone Perspektive</i> Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany	Summer term/2024
Practice Course, undergraduate (Übung) <i>Grammatikalisierung im Deutschen</i> Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany	Winter term/2023

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

External Lecturer Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany German Studies	2023 – 2025
Student Assistant, graduate (WHK) Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany German Studies; Chair: Historical Linguistics, Prof. Dr. Eric Fuß	10/2023 – 12/2023
Student Tutor, graduate (WHK) Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany German Studies; Chair: Historical Linguistics, Prof. Dr. Eric Fuß	10/2022 – 12/2023

Student Assistant, graduate (WHK)

Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany
German Studies, Dr. Judith Berman

10/2021 – 12/2023

Student Assistant, undergraduate (SHK)

Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany
German Studies, Dr. Judith Berman

04/2021 – 09/2021

REVIEWING

ConSOLE33, BieLeiCos25, CCD

2025

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

CCD

2025

Cross-clausal Dependencies

with: Jutta M. Hartmann, András Bárány, Szilvia Daczó

BieLeiCoS 2025

2025

Bielefeld Leiden Comparative Syntax Conference 2025

with: Jutta M. Hartmann, Anke Himmelreich, Mary Amaechi, Szilvia Daczó, Shravani Patil

LinCreGG

2025

Linguistic Creativity in Generative Grammar

with: Jutta M. Hartmann, András Bárány, Anke Himmelreich, Szilvia Daczó

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Talk: *Sprache und Kreativität: Wie passt das zusammen?*

03/2025

with: Robert Lange, Eleonore Laubenstein & Ralf Vogel

Community College Bielefeld, Germany

SKILLS

Languages: German (Native), English (B2)

Programming & statistical analysis:  R  jsPsych  Excel

Version control:  GitHub  GitLab

Type setting:  LaTeX  biblatex  R Markdown  Quarto

Text processing:  Microsoft Office  LibreOffice

Operating systems:  macOS  Microsoft Windows