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Personal

Date of Birth: December, 5th 1985
Place of Birth: Salzburg, Austria

Employment

04/2013–	Eberhard-Karls Universität Tübingen member of research staff at the German Department, Section German Linguistics; associated researcher of project A1 at SFB 833
11/2012–03/2013	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen member of research staff at the Department of Linguistics; associated researcher at CRC “Text Structures”
12/2008–10/2012	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen member of research staff (PhD position) at the free-floater group “Noun phrases in intensional contexts”; associated researcher at CRC “Text Structures” (from 06/2012)

Education

12/2008–10/2012	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Dr.phil. (~ PhD), General Linguistics (Defense: October 29, 2012) Dissertation: “Impersonally Interpreted Personal Pronouns” Advisors: Prof. Magdalena Kaufmann (University of Connecticut), Prof. Cleo Condoravdi (Stanford University), Prof. Regine Eckardt (University of Göttingen) (nicht-programmgebundenes Mitglied der GSGG)
2004–2009	Vienna University of Technology Dipl.-Ing. (~ MA) Technical Mathematics, Specialization: Computational Mathematics Thesis: “Choice Sequences - Past and Future” Supervisor: Prof. Matthias Baaz (Vienna University of Technology)
2004–2008	University of Vienna Mag.phil. with honors (~ MA) Linguistics, Specialization: Theoretical Linguistics Thesis: “Current Thoughts on the Theory of VP-Ellipsis Licensing” Supervisor: Prof. Edwin Williams (Princeton)

Further education

Summer Schools:

Jun 2010	North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information Bloomington, IN, USA
2007–2009, 2011	European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information Dublin, Ireland – Hamburg, Germany – Bordeaux, France – Ljubljana, Slovenia
Jul 2006	Eastern Generative Grammar School Olomouc, Czech Republic

Courses:

- 2011–2012 Participation at various seminars on organizational and academic skills attended in the context of the mentoring programme of the Stabstelle Zukunftskonzept, [Georg-August-Universität Göttingen](#)
- 2011–2013 Participation at the psycholinguistic labmeeting at the [Courant Research Center “Text Structures”](#) and block seminars on experimental methods, [Georg-August-Universität Göttingen](#)

Publications

- 2014 On the semantics of German *als*-phrases. Manuscript (in preparation).
Voldemort phrases in generic sentences. (submitted).
[Impersonally Interpreted Personal Pronouns](#). Revised Dissertation. Published online at Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen.
(with Eva Csipak) A condition on the distribution of discourse particles across types of questions. In Jyoti Iyer & Leland Kusmer (eds.), NELS 44, Vol. 1. 83–94. GLSA Amherst.
- 2012 A pragmatic analysis of German impersonally used first person singular ‘ich’. Submitted to Pragmatics.
- 2010 Non-Standard Uses of German 1st Person Singular Pronouns. In Kumiyo Nakakoji, Yohei Murakami & Eric McCready (eds.), JSAI-isAI, LNAI 6284. 292–311.
- 2009 Embedding Antecedent-Contained Deletion. Manuscript.

Edited Volumes

- 2010 Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 14, co-edited with Martin Prinzhorn and Viola Schmitt.

Talks and Posters

- 2014 *Voldemort phrases in generic sentences – seemingly impersonal uses of 3rd person singular pronouns*. Presented at the Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Göttingen, December 16, Göttingen, Germany.
“Er ging als Kind schon nicht gern zu Fuß” – Zur Interaktion von nominalen ‘als’-Phrasen mit logischen Operatoren. Presented at the Forschungskolloquium German Linguistics, December 10, Tübingen, Germany.
On the non-uniformity of pronouns: 1st sg, 2nd sg, and impersonal pronouns. Presented at Pronouns@Tübingen2, Special Session: “On the non-uniformity of pronouns”, November 8, Tübingen, Germany.
Voldemort phrases in generic sentences – seemingly impersonal uses of 3rd person singular pronouns. Presented at SinFonIJA VII (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz), September 26, Graz, Austria.
Hyperintensionalität. Guest presentation at “Formale Semantik und Intensionalität” (Instructor: Edgar Onea), University of Göttingen, June 19, Göttingen, Germany.
Eingeschränkte Prädikation: “als”-Phrasen und “as”-Phrasen. Presented at the Forschungskolloquium German Linguistics, University of Tübingen, January 15, Tuebingen, Germany.
- 2013 *Formalizing impersonally used personal pronouns*. Presented at the Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Tübingen, December 17, Tuebingen, Germany.
Two Issues Related to Impersonally Used Personal Pronouns. Presented at “The Impact of Pronominal Form on Interpretation” at the panel discussion “Current Pronominal Issues at the Syntax-Semantics Interface”, November 16, Tübingen, Germany.
(with Eva Csipak) *A condition on the distribution of discourse particles across types of questions*. Poster presented at NELS 44 (University of Connecticut), October 19, Storrs, CT, USA.

- Impersonal 'ich', discourse particles, and the utterance context.* Poster presented at "Text in Perspective: Processing and Interpretation" (CRC "Text Structures"), May 30, Göttingen, Germany.
- 'Ich muss doch als Verband den Wettbewerb fördern!' – On the connection between impersonally interpreted personal pronouns and discourse particles.* Presented at the University of Stuttgart, April 18, Stuttgart, Germany.
- Negated generic sentences.* Presented at 14th Szklarska Poreba Workshop, March 1, Szklarska Poreba, Poland.
- 2012 *Genericity and the interaction with non-epistemic modality.* Presented at the University of Göttingen (English Department), November 27, Göttingen, Germany.
- On the semantic and pragmatic aspects of impersonal pronominal meaning.* Presented at Journee Impersonels at CNRS/Paris8, November 8, Paris, France.
- 2011 *The connection between German discourse particles and impersonally interpreted personal pronouns.* Presented at Workshop on Speech Acts and Particles 2, October 14, Hongkong, China.
- Arguments for a two-operator analysis of impersonal pronouns in modal sentences.* Alternate talk (not presented) at Journee Impersonels at CNRS/Paris8, September 20, Paris, France.
- Diagnosing the intensional contexts found with impersonally interpreted pronouns.* Presented at University of Konstanz, July 21, Konstanz, Germany.
- Die impersonale Verwendung von Personalpronomen.* Presented at the University of Göttingen (German Department), June 9, Göttingen, Germany.
- Against a purely feature based analysis of pronominal meaning.* Poster presented at 34th annual GLOW-colloquium, April 29, Vienna, Austria.
- On the semantics of German adnominal and adverbial "als"-phrases.* Presented at 12th Szklarska Poreba Workshop, March 11, Szklarska Poreba, Poland.
- The Problem of Impersonally Used Personal Pronouns.* Presented at Northwestern University, February 10, Evanston, IL, USA.
- 2010 *Deutsche "als"-Phrasen und englische "as"-Phrasen im Vergleich.* Presented at the semantics colloquium at [University of Frankfurt](#), December 2, Frankfurt, Germany
- German Impersonal Pronouns: Pragmatic and Semantic Differences.* Presented at [NASSLLI Student Session](#), June 26, Bloomington IN, USA
- Pragmatic effects of German impersonal "ich" and "du".* Presented at [Between you and me: local pronouns across modalities](#) (Nijmegen University), June 7, Nijmegen, Netherlands
- Deutsche impersonal verwendete Pronomen im Vergleich.* Presented at the [2. Semantik und Pragmatik im Südwesten](#) (University of Göttingen), May 29, Göttingen, Germany.
- German impersonal "ich" and "du" in discourse.* Presented at "1st International Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics" (LoT, University of Cyprus), May 7, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- On a special use of German "ich" in modal contexts.* Presented at [11th Szklarska Poreba Workshop](#), March 13, Szklarska Poreba, Poland.
- 2009 *Non-indexical uses of 1st person singular pronouns.* Presented at [LENLS IV](#), November 19, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2008 *Lizensierung von Antecedent-Contained Deletion.* Presented at [1st Student Conference Graz](#) (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz), December 12th, Graz, Austria.
- Embedded Antecedent-Contained Deletion.* Presented at [36th Austrian Linguistics Conference](#) (University of Vienna), December 7th, Vienna, Austria.
- Licensing ACD.* Invited talk at [Georg-August-Universität Göttingen](#), October 21, Göttingen, Germany.

Academic Experience

Eberhard-Karls Universität Tübingen(German Department):

Winter 2014/15	Introduction to Linguistics (PSI), Conditionals (HS/OS)
Summer 2014	Introduction to Linguistics (PSI), Attitude Verbs (HS/OS)
Winter 2013/14	Introduction to Linguistics (PSI), German Grammar (PSII)
Summer 2013	Introduction to Linguistics (PSI)

Georg-August Universität Göttingen:

Winter 2014/15	Corpus linguistic methods (German Department)
Summer 2013	Introduction to Programming for Linguists (German Department)
Winter 2012/13	Introduction to Semantics (Linguistics Department)
Summer 2011	Semantics and Pragmatics, Introduction to \LaTeX (Linguistics Department)
Winter 2010/11	Introduction to Semantics (Linguistics Department)

Additional teaching experience:

August 2014	Course at ESSLI 2014, “A (Non-)Uniform Approach to Pronominal Semantics” (co-taught with Patrick Grosz)
February 2014	Introduction to R (department-internal mini-course, University of Tübingen)
November 2013	Course on corpus linguistic methods (department-internal mini-course, University of Tübingen)

Teaching Assistantships:

2007–2009	Various teaching assistantships University of Vienna and Vienna University of Technology Introduction to General Linguistics, Sprachwissenschaftliches Proseminar (Introduction to basic linguistic terminology), Introduction to Semantics; Computermathematik (Introduction to mathematical computing environments)
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Organizing, Memberships, Academic Services

2013–	Treasurer of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft Member C, GLOW Board
2014	Organiser of Pronouns@Tübingen2, Tübingen (co-organized with Pritty Patel-Grosz and Patrick Grosz) Friend of Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
2009	Organiser of the 14th Sinn und Bedeutung conference, Vienna (co-organized with Martin Prinzhorn and Viola Schmitt) Organiser of FACQ workshop, Göttingen (co-organized with Ilaria Frana and Magdalena Schwager)
2008	Member of the committee for a professorial position, University of Vienna
2007–2009	Representative of the student body for the department of linguistics (Studierendenvertreter), University of Vienna

Awards

2008	Honorary Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement funded by the bm:w_f
2007, 2008	Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement funded by private foundations
2007	Grant for Short-Time Research Abroad University of Vienna

2006–2009 Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement
funded by the bm:bwk

Languages in order of proficiency: German, English, Italian, French, Japanese

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