

Curriculum Vitae

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Main Research Interests

- Grapholinguistics (*Schriftlinguistik*) – structural, sociolinguistic, psycholinguistic
- Corpus pragmatics, digital discourse studies, and metapragmatics
- Linguistic normativity
- Language typology and comparative linguistics
- Syntax-semantics interface (esp. case and negation)
- Linguistic theories (esp. functionalism vs. formalism)

Languages

German (native), English (C2), Greek, Russian, French (B2), Japanese, Norwegian (A1–A2)

Education

19/12/2019	Conferral of PhD (with distinction)
12/2014–12/2019	PhD Linguistics , <i>University of Graz</i> Thesis: Naturalness in scripts and writing systems – Outlining a Natural Grapholinguistics Supervisors: O.-Prof. Dr. Bernhard Hurch, Prof. Dr. Christa Dürscheid
07/2014–07/2016	MA Slavic Studies (with distinction), <i>University of Graz</i> Thesis: Die Semantik des Genitivs der Negation im Russischen
07/2013–11/2014	MA Linguistics (with distinction), <i>University of Graz</i> Thesis: Psycholinguistische Aspekte der Graphetik – Die Relevanz der Form und Materialität von Schrift
11/2010–12/2013	BA Slavic Studies (with distinction), <i>University of Graz</i>
10/2010–06/2013	BA Linguistics (with distinction), <i>University of Graz</i> Thesis: Die Relevanz des Kommas im Leseprozess
06/2009	Matura/High school certificate (with distinction), <i>Akademisches Gymnasium Graz</i>

Professional Experience

since 04/2020	Postdoc Research Assistant , Department of German Studies, Linguistic Division, <i>University of Zurich</i>
06/2019–02/2020	Academic Writing Coach , Schreibzentrum, <i>University of Graz</i>
10/2015–03/2020	Predoc Research Assistant , Department of Linguistics, <i>University of Graz</i>
03/2014–07/2014	Data Modeler and Annotator , ROMLEX, Austrian ROMANI Project, <i>University of Graz</i>
10/2013–07/2015	Library Assistant , University of Graz Library, <i>University of Graz</i>
10/2014–07/2015 10/2012–07/2013	Teaching Assistant , Department of Slavic Studies, <i>University of Graz</i>

Third-party Funds

05/2022	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), Gold Open Access funding for book <i>Writing systems and their use</i> : Responsible grant applicant, € 7000
12/2017–01/2020	Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), DOC Fellowship for project <i>Naturalness in scripts and writing systems – Outlining a Natural Grapholinguistics</i> : € 82 333

Awards and Scholarships

2021	Prize for an Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Faculty of Arts and Humanities, <i>University of Graz</i>
2019, 2021 [awarded twice]	Presidents' Prizes for the Best Paper Given by a Junior Scholar <i>Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States</i>
2017–2020	DOC Fellowship, <i>Austrian Academy of Sciences</i>
2015	Best Peer-reviewed Publication on the Basis of the Master's Thesis Faculty of Arts and Humanities, <i>University of Graz</i>
2011–2016	Merit-based Scholarships [for six consecutive academic years] Faculty of Arts and Humanities, <i>University of Graz</i>

Societies / Networks

- UZH Digital Society Initiative (DSI)
- Deutscher Germanistenverband (DGV)
- European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing (EATAW)
- International Pragmatics Association (IPrA)
- Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States (LACUS)
- Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
- Association of Written Language and Literacy (AWLL)

Organization of International Workshops

12/2021	Writing: System, use, ideology 46TH AUSTRIAN LINGUISTICS CONFERENCE, <i>University of Vienna</i>
11/2016	Theorien und Methoden in der Schriftlinguistik 42ND AUSTRIAN LINGUISTICS CONFERENCE, <i>University of Graz</i>

Services to the Field

Editorial Work

As of 2022	Editorial Board member of the journal <i>Written Language & Literacy</i> (John Benjamins)
As of 2019	Editorial Board member of the book series <i>Grapholinguistics and Its Applications</i> (ed. Yannis Haralambous, Fluxus Editions)

University Committees

11/2013–02/2016	Member of the curriculum commission for the branch of study Linguistics, <i>University of Graz</i>
07/2013–08/2014	Chairman of the student representation for the branch of study Linguistics, Austrian Students' Association, <i>University of Graz</i>

Quality Assurance / Peer-reviewing

Journal articles	Linguistische Berichte (Buske) · Language Sciences (Elsevier) · Language & Communication (Elsevier) · Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development (Taylor & Francis) · Visual Communication (Sage) · Written Language & Literacy (John Benjamins) · Grazer Linguistische Studien · International Journal of English Studies
Book chapters	Oxford Handbook of the German Language (Oxford University Press) · Studies in Language Companion Series (Benjamins)
Textbook proposal	Cambridge University Press
Conference abstracts	Grapholinguistics in the 21st Century 2022 (Paris) · CogSci 2022 – 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (Toronto)

PhD Committee

04/2022	Member of the external examining committee at the public defense ceremony of Chiara Della Puppa's thesis 'The Safaitic scripts. Palaeography of an ancient nomadic writing culture' <i>University of Leiden</i>
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Courses Taught

2021	Internetkommunikation – mündlich und schriftlich [with Christa Dürscheid], Department of German Studies, <i>University of Zurich</i>
2020/21	Das deutsche Schriftsystem aus komparativer Sicht, Department of German Studies, <i>University of Zurich</i>
2020, 2021 [three times]	Einführung in die Sprachwissenschaft des Deutschen, Department of German Studies, <i>University of Zurich</i>
2019/20	Sprachwissenschaftliches Proseminar Russisch (Phonologie, Morphologie, Syntax, Semantik und Pragmatik des Russischen), Department of Slavic Studies, <i>University of Graz</i>
2019/20	Negation – Grammatiktheorie und Typologie, Department of Linguistics, <i>University of Graz</i>
2017	Perspektiven der Schriftlinguistik, Department of Linguistics, <i>University of Graz</i>
2014/15	Informationskompetenz und Recherchestrategien, Department of Slavic Studies, <i>University of Graz</i>

Theses Supervised (Bachelor)

2022	Anredeformen im Deutschen und Japanischen: Ein kontrastiver Vergleich
2022	Schriftcharaktere: Wirkung und Konnotation einzelner Schriftarten
2022	Literalität in einer zweisprachigen Welt: Eine Untersuchung des zweisprachigen Schriftspracherwerbs bei Kindern

Higher Education Training

2021	Workshop „Vorlesungen kognitiv anregend gestalten“, didactica, <i>University of Zurich/ETH Zurich</i>
2019	Certificate „Schreibberatung“, Schreibzentrum, <i>PH Freiburg</i>
2017	Certificate “Teaching in English”, <i>University of Graz</i>

Public Outreach / Knowledge Transfer

- 05/2023
[upcoming] Workshop „Schriften wirken: Wie können die Möglichkeiten typographischer Gestaltung zur Erreichung kommunikativer Ziele eingesetzt werden?“, Weiterbildung Deutsche Sprache und Literatur, Deutsches Seminar, *University of Zurich*
- 06/2022 Article “Why we shouldn’t write off handwriting just yet” [with Christa Dürscheid], *De Gruyter Conversations, De Gruyter*, <<https://blog.degruyter.com/why-we-shouldnt-write-off-handwriting-just-yet/>>
- 04/2022 Podcast „Wie natürlich ist die Schrift?“, Hörsaal: 15 Minuten Forschung, *University of Graz*, <<https://unitube.uni-graz.at/portal/aufzeichnungen.html?id=66b160dc-3de7-4b12-b50d-d0d2937d9c76>>
- 09/2021 Talk „Wie der Mensch die Schrift prägt“, Scientifica, *ETH Zurich*, <<https://tube.switch.ch/switchcast/uzh.ch/events/d83b376d-a006-4062-b3ae-909f2f1bcce>>
- 03/2021 Article „Warum ist Schrift so, wie sie ist?“, *Gewitter [Zeitschrift der FV Geisteswissenschaften]*, *University of Graz*
- 03/2021 Podcast „Was ich gern früher gewusst hätte (Teil 9)“, *Erfolgreich promovieren – Coachingzonen Podcast* <https://coachingzonen.podigee.io/72-72_was-ich-gern-fruher-gewusst-hatte-9>