

ALEXANDER BERGS: CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

CURRENT POSITION Full Professor and Chair of English Language and Linguistics
AFFILIATION Universität Osnabrück
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EDUCATION

2006 Habilitation (English Linguistics, Düsseldorf)
„Der Ausdruck von Futurität im gegenwärtigen Englisch:
Form, Funktion, Wandel“
2002 Promotion (English Linguistics, Düsseldorf), *summa cum laude* „Social
Networks and Historical Sociolinguistics: Studies in Morphosyntactic
Variation in the Paston Letters (1421-1503)“
1999 M.A. (with distinction), in English and German Studies, Düsseldorf
1996/7 N/G Edinburgh University (English Language, Scots, Linguistics)
1993-1999 English, German, Chemistry, Philosophy, Education (Düsseldorf)

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS & OFFERS

2027 Visiting Professor, Università degli studi di Torino, Italy
2024 Visiting Professor, Università degli studi di Torino, Italy
2021 Universität Heidelberg, Lehrstuhl für Englische Philologie:
Sprachwissenschaft (secundo loco)
2012 HHU Düsseldorf, Lehrstuhl für Englische Sprachwissenschaft (declined)
2009 WWU Münster, Lehrstuhl für Englische Sprachwissenschaft (declined)
2009 Universität Zürich, Ordinariat für Historische Englische Sprachwissenschaft
(declined)
2008 HHU Düsseldorf, Lehrstuhl für Ältere Anglistik (tertio loco)
2006 Universität Erfurt, Lehrstuhl für Englische Sprachwissenschaft (primo loco)
2006 Universität Leipzig, Lehrstuhl für Englische Sprachwissenschaft
(synchron/diachron), (secondo loco)

2005	Adjunct Assistant Professor, University Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2003	Adjunct Assistant Professor, University Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2002-2006	(Senior) Lecturer (C1), English Linguistics, U Düsseldorf
2000-2002	Lecturer (BAT IIa), English Linguistics, U Düsseldorf

SELECTED GRANTS & STIPENDS

2024	Hosting the <i>59th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea</i> (DFG €33.000 BE 2270/15-1)
2024	Hosting the <i>Annual Meeting of the German Association of Cognitive Linguistics</i> (DFG €20.000 BE 2270/14-1)
2023	Erasmus+ exchange program with U Vlora (Albania) (DAAD, c. €140.000), with Bledar Toska (Vlora)
2023/25	Co-Hosting the workshop <i>Crossing boundaries, Constructing Bridges: Grammar, Cognition, Interaction</i> (Minerva Foundation, €25.500), with Bracha Nir (Haifa)
2023	Nomination of Mr Muhammad Haroon Kohi for a Hilde-Domin PhD Scholarship (DAAD, ca. €60.000)
2020	Co-hosting the <i>2nd International Conference on Multimodal Communication</i> (DFG, €25.000) BE 2270/13-1, with Mark Turner (Case Western) (canceled, Covid-19)
2017	Co-Hosting the <i>International Conference on Multimodal Communication</i> (DFG, €20.000) BE 2270/11-1, with Mark Turner (Case Western)
2017	Nomination of Ms Mariam Hosseini for a PhD Fellowship of the State of Lower Saxony (MWK Niedersachsen, Wissenschaft.Niedersachsen. Weltoffen; €54.000)
2016	Co-Hosting the workshops <i>Towards a multimodal construction grammar</i> (Sievert Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Kultur, €4.950), with Elisabeth Zima
2014	Nomination of Prof. Mark Turner for the Anneliese Maier Research Award (Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, €250.000)
2014	Co-Hosting the <i>8th International Construction Grammar Conference</i> (DFG, ca. €21.000, UOS €3.000; Lower Saxony €6.500) with Thomas Hoffmann
2013	Hosting the <i>International Cognition and Poetics Conference</i> (DFG, ca. €20.000; UOS €3.000; Lower Saxony €6.500) BE 2270/7-1
2011	Hosting the <i>4th International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English</i> (DFG, ca. €21.000; UOS €2.000) BE 2270/5-1
2010	Hosting the <i>International Symposium on Cognition and Poetics</i> (Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, ca. €17.000)
2009	Co-Hosting der <i>Annual Meeting of the German Linguistics Association</i> (DFG, ca. €23.000, Lower Saxony, ca. €2.700) BE 2270/4-1
2008	DAAD Summer School <i>Recent Trends in Linguistics: Theory, Model, Method</i> , €25.000
2008	<i>Language adventures</i> – Wissenschaftskommunikation für die Robert Bosch-Stiftung, €33.500 (with Lena Heine)

- 2007 *ELLO – English Language and Linguistics Online* -- ELAN III Initiative, €470.000 (MedidaPrix Finalist 2008)
- 2006 *linguistics@schools*, Public Understanding of Sciences and Humanities-(PUSH) Programm des Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft, €29.000
- 1999-2001 PhD Scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 1999 Offer of a PhD Fellowship of the State of North Rhine Westphalia (declined)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (SELECTED)

- Since 2023 Member of the University Senate Committee for Research and Training
- 2016-2026 Dean of the Faculty of Language and Literatures
- 2019-2022 Spokesperson of the University Research Profile “Cognition”
- 2020-2021 Director of the Institute of English and American Studies
- 2016-2019 Chair of the Board of Deans
- 2014-2016 Director of the Institute of English and American Studies
- 2014-2016 Member of the University Senate Committee for Planning and Finance
- 2012-2014 Member of the University Senate Committee for Academic Appointments
- 2012-2016 Elected Member of the University Senate
- 2009-2010 Chair of the Board of Deans
- 2008-2010 Dean of the Faculty of Languages and Literatures
- 2007-2008 Director of the Institute of English and American Studies

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

- 2026/2027 Member of the Evaluation Board CAR – Starting Grants. Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2025/2026 Member of the Research Council of Norway (RCN) Scientific Committee for the selection of Norway’s New Centres of Excellence
- Since 2024 Editorial Board Member *Cognitive Semantics*
- Since 2023 Organization of the “Language Day” with local high schools
- 2023 Fall Academy with gifted students from local high schools
- Since 2023 Editorial Board Member *Edinburgh Studies in the Historical Sociolinguistics of Scotland* (Edinburgh University Press)
- Since 2022 Co-founder and Editor of *Cambridge Elements in Construction Grammar* (with Thomas Hoffmann)
- 2021-2023 Editorial Board Member *Multimodality of Communication* (Frontiers in Communication)
- Since 2016 Co-host of the *Annual International Summer School on Diachronic Linguistics* (with Nikolaos Lavidas, Elly van Gelderen, Donka Minkova, Olga Fischer, Ioanna Sitaridou), Naxos, Greece
- Since 2013 Founder and co-editor of the book series *Cognition and Poetics* (with Margaret Freeman, Peter Schneck, Achim Stephan), Oxford University Press, since 2021 Bloomsbury Academic
- Since 2012 Member of the Advisory Board *Cognitive Semiotics*
- Since 2012 Member of the Executive Board for SELIM *Revista de la Sociedad Española de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa Medieval*
- Since 2011 Member of the Editorial Board *BABEL a.f.i.a.l*

- 2015/2016 Consultant for the National Geographic film production “Origins: The Journey of Humankind”
- 2014-2023 Founder and Co-editor of the *Linguistics Vanguard* (with Abby Cohn, Jeff Good, Georgia Zellou, Rebecca Starr)
- 2011-2014 Member of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Historical Linguistics
- Since 1997 Organization of more than a dozen international workshops, symposia, and conferences
- Since 2007 Member of more than a dozen study program accreditation / evaluation committees, including international procedures (Dhofar University, Ho Chi Minh City, Sumatera Utara)

Member of various appointment committees: Düsseldorf, Osnabrück, Case Western Reserve University, Hannover, Essen, Bielefeld, Mannheim, KU Leuven, Braunschweig, Bern, Erlangen-Nürnberg, Oldenburg, Bonn, Zürich

Member of various PhD committees: Düsseldorf, Osnabrück, Vechta, Freiburg, Marburg, Eichstätt, Koblenz-Landau, VU Amsterdam, UBC Vancouver, Lausanne, Castilla-La Mancha, Edinburgh, Glasgow

Referee for *German Research Foundation* (DFG), *German Academic Scholarship Foundation* (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes), *National Research Foundation Flanders* (Belgium, FWO), *Fund for Scientific Research / Le Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique* (Belgium, FRS-FNRS), *Israel Science Foundation* (ISF), *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council / Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines* (SSHRC, Canada), *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation* (AvH, Germany), *Agencia Nacional de Evaluación y Prospectiva* (ANEP, Spain), *Swiss National Science Foundation* (SNSF), *Norges forskningsråd / Research Council of Norway* (RCN), *Narodowe Centrum Nauki / National Science Centre Poland* (NCN)

Referee for Publishers: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Mouton de Gruyter, Versitas, John Benjamins, Ohio State University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Brill, Wiley-Blackwell

Referee for Journals: *English Language and Linguistics*, *Cognitive Linguistics*, *Linguistics*, *Folia Linguistica*, *Journal of English Linguistics*, *Studies in Language*, *Cognitive Semiotics*, *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics*, *SELIM*, *Semiotica*, *Studia Anglica Posnaniensia*, *English Word Wide*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Glossa*, *Cognition and Pragmatics*, *Constructions and Frames*, *English Today*, *Review of Cognitive Linguistics*, *Functions of Language*, *Zeitschrift für Wortbildung*

PHD STUDENTS

2011 Dr. Presley Ifukor (Münster/ Postdoctoral collaborator)
 2011 Dr. Christine Günther (Lecturer, Hamburg)
 2012 Dr. Meike Pfaff (Second Examiner) (Lecturer, Hannover)
 2016 Dr. Meike Pentrel (Lecturer, Osnabrück)
 2017 Dr. Denise Millares Caballero (freelance language coach)
 2017 Dr. Claudia Lehmann (Lecturer, Bremen & Adjunct Professor, Aachen)
 2020 Dr. Wiebke Ahlers (High School Teacher)
 2024 Dr. Kathrin Birgit Kohn (Lecturer/Research Coordinator, Bielefeld)
 2024 Dr. Marie-Christine Benen (Lecturer, Münster)

Current PhD Students

Lara Höttecke
 Maike Wobker
 Kim Droste
 Muhammad Haroon Kohi

Current Post-Docs

Dr. Meike Pentrel

OUTREACH

Since 2006 I have been involved in various academic outreach activities, including coordinated programs such as “*Language adventures – communicating science*”, funded by the Robert Bosch-Stiftung (€33.500, with Lena Heine), and *linguistics@schools*, Public Understanding of Sciences and Humanities- (PUSH) funded by the Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft (€29.000), as well as non-funded ad-hoc activities with local schools (Language Day, Fall Academy for gifted pupils). I have also been a regular presenter at the “Knowledge Forum”, an outreach event in which faculty members of Osnabrück University answer questions by the public in less than four minutes in a pop-science fashion, see (<https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/veranstaltungen/zentrale-veranstaltungen/osnabruecker-wissensforum/>).

My work and views have been discussed in more than a dozen news reports and interviews. Topics include language change and language decay, love letters now and then, Anglicisms in German, New media and e-learning at university and at schools, and elections in the US. Media outlets include Rheinische Post, CNN, WDR TV, WDR Radio, HR Radio, Spiegel Online, Associated Press, DPA, Zürcher Oberländer, DUZ, Osnabrücker Nachrichten, Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung, Radio Osnabrück, NDR TV, wmn.de, Radio RST and many more.

I also was a linguistics consultant for the National Geographic film production “Origins: The Journey of Humankind”

TEACHING

International teaching experience

2024 Corpus Linguistics: History of English, M.A. Course, Turin, Italy

2020 Online Summer Course “Reconstructing historical Englishes and their speakers”, Naxos, Greece

2020 Online student workshop “Historical Sociolinguistics”, University of Athens, Greece

2019 various compact linguistics courses in English and General Linguistics, Dalian Minzu University, China

2018 M.A. workshop on *Historical Sociolinguistics and Social Network Analysis*, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

2018 Summer course “Historical Sociolinguistics: Old and Middle English”, Naxos, Greece

2017 Summer course “Social networks and communities of practice in historical linguistics”, Lesbos, Greece, *HISON* Summer School

2016 Summer course “Old and Middle English in Context”, Naxos, Greece

2015 Graduate Workshop on “The role of beauty in language evolution”, Università degli Studi di Catania, Italy

2015 Graduate Workshop on “Construction Grammar and Language Change” (with Thomas Hoffmann), Universidad de Vigo, Spain

2008 Summer course on “Historical Sociolinguistics”, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

General teaching experience: more than 150 courses and lectures between 1999 and 2026

Lectures

Grammar of English

Language Evolution

Sense-making

Language Variation and Change

History of the English Language

Recent Trends in Historical Linguistics

Syntax in Context

Contrastive Linguistics

Thirty Million Theories of Grammar?!

Diversity of Human Language

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to English Language and Linguistics

Phonology

Morphology

Morphosyntax

Syntax

Semantics & Pragmatics

Discourse Analysis

The Mental Lexicon

Cognitive Linguistics

Language Evolution

Construction Grammar
Language Change
Metaphors
Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*
Meaning in Language
The History of the English Language in America
Sociolinguistics
The English Verb Phrase

Graduate Courses

Standardization
Standard(s), Norm(s), Prestige
Scatolinguistics
Grammaticalization and Lexicalization
Language Change
Spoken Language
Written Language
Construction Grammar and Language Change
Construction Grammar
A Construction Grammar of Old and Middle English
Construction Grammar and Creativity
Historical Sociolinguistics
Language and the Media
Tense and Aspect
Style and Register
English(es) around the World
Fuzzy Grammar
Linguistic Approaches to Literature
Discourse, Consciousness, and Time
Cognition and Poetics
Foundations of Language
Language and Music
The Language of House, M.D.
The Language of Bond, James Bond
Affective Science, Fictional Feelings
Early Modern English
Textlinguistics
The Language of Art and the Art of Language
Campaigns and Candidates: Rhetorics and Political Language
Varieties of English
Corpus Linguistics
Social and Linguistic Aspects of World Languages

PUBLICATIONS AND TALKS

a. Monographs

- under contract *An Introduction to Historical Sociolinguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics)
- under contract *A Constructional Approach to Language Variation and Change*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- 2016 *Understanding Language Change*. London: Routledge. (Understanding Language Series), with Kate Burridge
- 2012 *An Introduction to Synchronic English Linguistics*. Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Textbooks in English Language and Linguistics, TELL, 5)
- 2005d *Der Ausdruck von Futurität im gegenwärtigen Englisch: Form, Funktion, Entwicklung* [unpublished Habilitationsschrift]. English translation and update in prep.
- 2005c *Modern Scots*. 2nd edition, completely revised and updated. München, Newcastle: Lincom Europa (Languages of the World, Materials 242) (1st ed. 2001).
- 2005b *Social Networks and Historical Sociolinguistics: Studies in Morphosyntactic Variation in the Paston Letters (1421-1503)*. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (Topics in English Linguistics, TiEL 51)
- 2005a *Grammatik Englisch: Kurz und bündig*. Stuttgart: Pons. (with Darcy B. Berry). [Reprinted in *Sprachbuch Englisch*, Stuttgart: Pons, 2005]

b. Edited Volumes

- 2025 *The Naxos Papers. Comparing Diachronies*. Ed. with Nikolaos Lavidas, Elly van Gelderen, Ioanna Sitaridou. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2023 *Internal and External Causes of Language Change. The Naxos Papers*. Ed. with Nikolaos Lavidas, Elly van Gelderen, Ioanna Sitaridou. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2020 *Historical Language Contact in English*. (Special Collection of *Linguistics Vanguard* 6.2), ed. with Nikolaos Lavidas
- 2017 *The History of English* (ed. with Laurel Brinton). Mouton Reader (5 Vols). Berlin, New York: de Gruyter Mouton. (selected and updated reprint of Bergs & Brinton 2012)
- 2017 *Cognitive Approaches to the History of English* (Special Issue 21.2 of *English Language and Linguistics*), ed. with Thomas Hoffmann
- 2017 *Towards a Multimodal Construction Grammar* (Special Collection of *Linguistics Vanguard* 3.1), ed. with Elisabeth Zima
- 2012 *English Historical Linguistics* (ed. with Laurel Brinton). Handbücher Sprache und Kommunikation (HSK). 34.1 und 34.2 (2 Vols). Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2009 *Contexts and Constructions*. (ed. with Gabriele Diewald). Amsterdam: John Benjamins (Constructional Approaches to Language, CAL 9).
- 2008 *Constructions and Language Change*. (ed. with Gabriele Diewald). Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter (Trends in Linguistics, TiLSM 194).
- 2007 *The Language of the Peterborough Chronicle*. (ed. with Janne Skaffari). Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature 20).
- 2003 *Holismus und Individualismus in den Wissenschaften*. (ed. with Soelwe I. Curdts). Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang.

c. Journals and book series

Constructions (ed. with Thomas Hoffmann and Hans Boas, until 2021)

Linguistics Vanguard (de Gruyter Mouton, ed. with Abby Cohn, Jeff Good, Georgia Zellou, until 2023)

Cognition and Poetics (Oxford University Press, since 2021 Bloomsbury academic, ed. with Margaret Freeman, Peter Schneck, Achim Stephan)

Cambridge Elements in Construction Grammar (Cambridge University Press, ed. with Thomas Hoffmann)

d. Papers (peer reviewed, unless marked by #)

in print "The Uniformitarian Principle and the Risk of Anachronism". In: Juan Manuel Hernández-Campoy & Juan Camilo Conde-Silvestre (eds.) *Handbook of Historical Sociolinguistics*. 2nd edition. Oxford: Blackwell.

2025d "Cognitive Approaches to the History of English". In: Merja Kytö & Erik Smitterberg (eds.), *New Cambridge History of the English Language*, Vol II: "Documentation, Sources of Data, and Modelling". Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 768-795.

2025c "Extravagant much? Syntactic creativity because *Wayne's World*" (with Meike Pentrel). *English Language and Linguistics* 29: 252-271.

2025b „From constructional innovation to linguistic change". In: *Today's innovations, tomorrow's conventions*, Special Issue of *Functions of Language*, ed. by David Tizón-Couto & David Lorenz, 32.1; 16-42,

2025a "Construction Grammar and Literature". In: Kiki Nikiforidou & Mirjam Fried (eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Construction Grammar*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 623-647

2024 "Constructions all the way! Text types as constructions" (with Thomas Hoffmann). In: Anja Hennemann & Felix Tacke (eds.), *Konstruktionen – Kontexte– Gattungen*. Göttingen: Brill/Bonn University Press, 255-278.

2021b "As if irony was in stock: the case of constructional ironies" (with Claudia Lehmann). *Constructions and Frames* 13.2: 309-339.

2021a "The problem of universalism in (diachronic) cognitive linguistics". In: Stefan Hartmann (ed.), *Yearbook of the German Cognitive Linguistics Association*. Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton 9: 177-188.

2020e "What do you think this is, bush week? Construction Grammar and Language Change in Australia" In: Keith Allan (ed.). *Dynamics of Language Change – Looking Within and Across Languages*. Heidelberg: Springer Nature, 109-124.

2020d "Complements and adjuncts". In: Bas Aarts, April McMahon, Lars Hinrichs (eds). *The Blackwell Handbook of English Linguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell, 145-162.

2020c. "Language change across a lifetime: a micro-perspective". *Linguistics Vanguard* 2020.0029, <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2020-0029>

2020b "Creativity within and outside the linguistic system" (with Nikola Kompa) *Cognitive Semiotics* 13.1 <https://doi.org/10.1515/cogsem-2020-2025>

2020a "Expecting the unexpected: predictive coding, pattern recognition, and surprise in narratives" (with Pia Börgerding and Marie-Christine Benen). *Anglistik* 31.1: 129-153, Special issue on "Empirical Approaches to Narrative", ed. by Sven Strasen & Jan Alber. <https://doi.org/10.33675/ANGL/2020/1/10>

- 2019 "What, if anything, is linguistic creativity?" *Gestalt Theory* 41.2:1-11
- 2018c "Because science! Notes on a variable conjunction". In: Elena Seoane, Acuña-Fariña, Ignacio Palacios-Martínez (eds.) *Subordination in English: Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives*. Berlin, New York: de Gruyter Mouton, 43-60.
- 2018b "A Construction Grammar Approach to Genre". (with Thomas Hoffmann) *CogniTextes* (18). doi:10.4000/cognitextes.1032. <http://journals.openedition.org/cognitextes/1032>.
- 2018a "Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist (Picasso). Linguistic aberrancy from a constructional perspective". *Anglia* 66.3: 277-293.
- 2017c "Diachronic Approaches". In: Barbara Dancygier (ed.), *Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 347-360.
- 2017b "Special Issue on Cognitive Approaches to the History of English: Introduction". *English Language and Linguistics* 21.2: 193-202 (Special Issue *Cognitive Approaches to the History of English*), ed. by Thomas Hoffmann and Alexander Bergs
- 2017a "The myth of the complete sentence: a response to Traugott". *English Language and Linguistics* 21.2: 311-316 (Special Issue *Cognitive Approaches to the History of English*), ed. by Thomas Hoffmann and Alexander Bergs
- 2016b "Response to Traugott". *Constructions and Frames* 8.1: 125-129. Special Issue on *Modal Meaning in Construction Grammar*, ed. by Bert Cappelle & Ilse Depraetere.
- 2016a "Under Pressure: Norms, Rules, and Coercion in Linguistic Analyses and Literary Readings". In: Michael Burke / Emily Troschianko (eds), *Cognitive Literary Science. Dialogues between Literature and Cognition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 279-302.
- 2015b "Are you a construction in disguise? Soziale und physische Kontexteigenschaften von Fußballgesangskonstruktionen". In: Alexander Lasch & Alexander Ziem (eds.), *Konstruktionsgrammatik IV: Konstruktionen und Konventionen als kognitive Routinen*. Tübingen: Stauffenberg, 115-132. (with Thomas Hoffmann)
- 2015a "The linguistic fingerprints of authors and scribes: a medieval whodunnit". In: Richard Watts, Daniel Schreier & Anita Auer (eds.). *Letter Writing and Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 156-181.
- 2014b "*Ælc þara þe þas min word gehierþ and þa wyrþ ...*: Psycholinguistic perspectives on early English". In: Michael Adams, Laurel Brinton and Robert D. Fulk (eds.), *Studies in the History of the English Language VI: Evidence and Method in Histories of English*. Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 225-252. (with Meike Pentrel)
- 2014a "Investigating love letters across time: Some thoughts on metaphors, stylistic inertia, and meme theory". In: Eva L. Wyss (ed.). *Communication of Love. Mediatized Intimacy from Love Letters to SMS*. Bielefeld: transcript. 165-180.
- 2013b "Kognitive Poetik" (with Peter Schneck). In: Achim Stephan & Sven Walter (eds.). *Handbuch Kommunikationswissenschaft*. Stuttgart: Metzler, 518-522.
- 2013a "Writing, reading, language change - a sociohistorical perspective on scribes, readers, and networks in medieval Britain". In: Esther-Miriam Wagner, Ben Outhwait, Bettina Beinhoff (eds.). *Scribes as Agents of Language Change*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 241-260.
- 2012e "The Uniformitarian Principle and the Risk of Anachronism". In: Juan Manuel Hernández-Campoy & Juan Camilo Conde-Silvestre (eds.) *Handbook of Historical Sociolinguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell, 80-98.
- 2012d "*I was just reading this article* – On the expression of Recentness and the English Past Progressive". In: Bas Aarts, Joanne Close, Geoffrey Leech and Sean Wallis (eds.). *The English Verb Phrase: Corpus Methodology and Current Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University

- Press. (with Meike Pfaff und Thomas Hoffmann), 217-238.
- #2012c "The History of English Historical Linguistics: Overview" (with Laurel Brinton). In: Alexander Bergs & Laurel Brinton (eds.) *Handbook of the Historical Linguistics of English*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 1289-1295.
- 2012b "Construction Grammar". In: Alexander Bergs & Laurel Brinton (eds.) *Handbook of the Historical Linguistics of English*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 1631-1646.
- 2012a "Middle English Sociolinguistics". In: Alexander Bergs & Laurel Brinton (eds.) *Handbook of the Historical Linguistics of English*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 534-551.
- 2011b "Set them free?! Investigating spelling and scribal variation in language and history." In: Jennifer Crowell & Eitan Grossmann (eds.). *Scribal Repertoires in Egypt from the New Kingdom to the Early Islamic Period*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 41-59.
- #2011a "Historical Linguistics" (Sektionsartikel). In: Bernd Kortmann (ed.). *Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (WSK). Band 2: Theorie und Methode*. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (& 12 weitere Lemmata)
- 2010b "Expressions of futurity in contemporary English: a constructional perspective". *English Language and Linguistics* 14(2): 217-38.
- 2010a „Mood and Modality in English“ (with Lena Heine). In: Rolf Thieroff & Björn Rothstein (eds.). *Mood Systems in the Languages of Europe*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins. 103-117.
- #2009d "Contexts and Constructions" (with Gabriele Diewald). In: Alexander Bergs & Gabriele Diewald (eds.). *Contexts and Constructions*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 1-14.
- #2009c "Do the simplest thing that can possibly work: Der Wiki-Way beim Erstellen von E-Learning Materialien" (with Anne Reiners & Tim Schmidt). In: Hans-Jürgen Appelrath & Leonore Schulze (Hgg.). *Auf dem Weg zu exzellentem E-Learning. Vernetzung und Kooperation der Hochschullehre in Niedersachsen*. Münster: Waxmann, 23-31.
- 2009b "The linguistics of text messaging". In: Charley Rowe & Eva L. Wyss (eds.) *New media and linguistic change*. Creskill, NJ: Hampton Press. 55-74.
- #2009a "Übergeneralisierung". In: Christa Dürscheid, Stefan Schierholz (eds.). *Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (WSK). Band 1.2: Grammatik*. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (with Lena Heine)
- 2008d "When concepts clash". In: Jürgen Schläger, Gesa Stedman (eds.). *The Literary Mind. REAL - Yearbook of Research in English and American Literature Vol. 2.4*. 61-67.
- 2008c "Can we take Construction Grammar beyond sneezing napkins off tables?". In: Klaus Stierstorfer (ed.), *Proceedings of the Anglistentag, Münster 2007*. Trier: WVT, 269-276.
- #2008b "Constructions and language change" (with Gabriele Diewald). In: Alexander Bergs & Gabriele Diewald (eds.). *Constructions and Language Change*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 1-22.
- 2008a "Shall and shan't in contemporary English". In: Graeme Trousdale, Nikolas Gisbourne (eds.). *Constructional Explanations in English Grammar*. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 113-144.
- 2007b "Spoilt for choice? <th> in early Middle English". In: Bergs, Alexander & Janne Scaffari (eds.). *The Language of the Peterborough Chronicle* Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature), 45-56.
- #2007a "Invitation to the Peterborough Chronicle and its Language". In: Bergs, Alexander & Janne Scaffari (eds.). *The Language of the Peterborough Chronicle*. Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature), 5-12.

- 2006d "Language Change and the Role of the Individual in Historical Social Network Analysis". *Logos and Language. Journal of General Linguistics and Language Theory*. VI.2. 30-54.
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Talks

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- 2026 Talking with the dead: what cognitive linguistics may reveal about historical texts... and vice versa. *Anglistiktag 2026*, München.
- 2025d "Beyond prediction – Constructional creativity and predictive processing."**
Universidad de Vigo.
- 2025c "Oh brother, where art thou? Social networks and linguistic variation in the Paston family".** Université Lausanne
- 2025b "Bye, bye, bye – or: language in the wild".** Oxford University.
- 2025a "Same same, but different. Revisiting the recency illusion".** *Eight International Symposium on Historical Lexis (HEL-LEX 8)*, Tallinn.
- 2024d "Riding the tandem of creativity and productivity".** Symposium on Productivity, RU Groningen
- 2024c "Cognitive Roots of Creativity: Language, Literature, and Film".** UBC Vancouver
- 2024b "Constructing a Middle English Constructicon".** SELIM Seminar Series (online)
- 2024a "Constructions all the way down... and up! Constructions Grammar below the word and beyond the sentence".** Workshop *Everything you always wanted to know about Construction Grammar but were afraid to ask*. Turin University.
- 2023c "Shuhari and linguistic creativity".** Workshop on Creativity and Productivity in CxG, Helsinki University
- 2023b "From sound symbolism to text: constructions all the way".** *Contemporary Trends in English Language Studies*. Zielona-Gora (online)
- 2023a "Historical Sociolinguistics: limits risks, and chances".** Würzburg University
- 2022e "Constructions all the way down (and up!).** Zürich University
- 2022d "From constructional innovation to linguistic change". *9th Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English*. Ljubljana.
- 2022c. "Late Modern English as myth buster. *Because N/A constructions* in LModE." *7th International Conference on Late Modern English*. Ragusa.

- 2022b** “The cognitive costs and benefits of being creative with language.” Universität Duisburg-Essen, Brown Bag Speaker Series.
- 2022a** “Make it new! Where do linguistic innovations come from?” *Linguistic and Discursive Creativity of a Speaker: The Modern World in the Languages of Russia, East and West*. Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok.
- 2021d** “Constructions all the way! Textsorten als Konstruktionen” (mit Thomas Hoffmann). Sektion *Entgrenzte Konstruktionsgrammatik. Von der Grammatik zum discourse genre und zurück*. Romanistentag, Bonn
- 2021c** “Because older than you think! Tracing the diachrony of a ‘new’ causal conjunction”. *International Conference on English Historical Linguistics 21* (ICEHL-21), Leiden
- 2021b** “Language contact and language change from a constructional perspective”. Workshop on *Cognitive mechanisms driving language change*. 54th *Societas Linguistica Europaea Meeting*, Athens
- 2021a** “You say goodbye, and I say hello. Language as a holistic phenomenon”. International Multimodal Communication Centre, Oxford University. Online lecture.
- 2020b** Discussant at Interdisciplinary Workshop *The study of reading, literature, and cognition: interdisciplinary approaches, concepts, and terms*. ACCELS, Aachen (online conference)
- 2020a** “Historical Sociolinguistics in Coleman’s Bathtub: revisiting the micro-macro link”. ABRALIN AO Vivo Online Lecture.
- 2019h** “Come on! How much gesture does a construction need?” Workshop on gestures, facial expressions and body posture in CxG accounts of language: core or periphery? 52 *Societas Linguistica Europaea Meeting*, Leipzig
- 2019g** “What historical corpora can reveal about the minds of speakers”. Workshop on multi-methodological approaches to synchronic and diachronic variability, Potsdam (SFB 1287).
- 2019f** “because, weil, porque: tracing the diachrony of ‘new’ causal conjunctions”. *International Conference on Historical Linguistics 24*, Canberra, Australia
- 2019e** “The cognitive benefits of language”. *Cognitive Futures of the Humanities*, Mainz
- 2019d** “If it ain’t construction grammar, it ain’t creative”. Workshop on Creativity and Construction Grammar, Eichstätt
- 2019c** “Think big, start small. Speaker innovation and language change in construction grammar”. *Language Change in English and beyond. Linguistic Theory and Historical Corpora*, Athens
- 2019b** “Big data, bad data, and the linguistic individual”. *Norddeutsches Linguistisches Kolloquium*
- 2019a** “Language change across a lifetime: a micro perspective”. *Intraspeaker Variation*, Salzburg.
- 2018b** “What, if anything is linguistic creativity”. Workshop on Transdisciplinary Studies, Neurohumanities Network, Catania.
- 2018a** “Construction Grammar in Australia: What do you think this is, bush week?”

Universität Bayreuth.

2017i “Historical sociolinguistics: limits and chances”. Universität Zürich.

2017h “Constructions and language change”. Universität Augsburg.

2017g “Language, Thought, Reality (reloaded). Construction Grammar and Situated Cognition”. Colloquium of the Research Training Group Situated Cognition Bochum/Osnabrück.

2017f “And then what? Fragments and interactional syntactic theory”. *7th Biannual Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English*. 7 BiCLCE, Vigo.

2017e “Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist (Picasso). Linguistic aberrancy from a constructional perspective”. Workshop on Creativity and Construction Grammar, Eichstätt.

2017d “Trifles make the sum of life: a construction grammar perspective on speaker innovation”. Workshop on *Atomizing Linguistic Change & the Nuclear Step: From Individual Realization to Emergence*, ICHL 23, Austin TX

2017c “In situ perspectives on retraction – Austinites on Troublemaker Shtreet”. Poster at *Workshop on Sound Change 4*, Edinburgh, with Wiebke Ahlers

2017b “Construction Grammar and Language Contact”. ISTAL Workshop “Language Contact in English and Beyond”

2017a “Construction Grammar and Situated Cognition” *Cognitive Science Colloquium Osnabrück*

2016 “Big data, bad data, and the linguistic individual”. CUSO Workshop *Big data and bad data: challenges of quantitative and qualitative research methods in linguistics*, Lausanne.

2015f “Sibilants and ethnic diversity: A sociophonetic study of palatalized /s/ in STR clusters among Hispanic, White, and African-American speakers of Texas English”. NWAVE 44, Toronto. (with Lars Hinrichs, Axel Bohmann, Erica Brozovsky, Brian Hodge, Kirsten Meemann, Patrick Schultz, Wiebke Ahlers)

2015e “A small leak will sink a great ship”. Micro-perspectives on linguistic change. Leiden University Center for Linguistics, Leiden

2015d “A Construction Grammar approach to irony”. *13th International Conference on Cognitive Linguistics*, Newcastle (with Claudia Lehmann)

2015c “*It’s all Greek to me* – tracking changes in micro-constructions”. *22nd International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, Naples.

2015b What historical psycholinguistics can reveal about literary readings. Workshop on ‘The uses of literary sources and methods in historical linguistic analysis’. *Studies in the History of English 6*, Vancouver.

2015a “Oh, come on! Problems and perspectives for multimodal construction grammar”. Workshop on Mind, Meaning, and Multimodality, University of Navarra, Pamplona.

- 2014c "Under pressure: Under pressure: norms, rules, and coercion in linguistic analyses and literary readings". Cognition and Culture, Vienna
- 2014b "Coercion in Linguistics and the Arts - new insights from neuroscience". Workshop on Transdisciplinary Studies, Neurohumanities Network, Catania.**
- 2014a "Under pressure: Under pressure: norms, rules, and coercion in linguistic analyses and literary readings". Myrfield Institute for Cognition and the Arts, Heath, MA.**
- 2013b "Constructing the Constructicon: When Semasiology Meets Onomasiology". 5th International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, Austin, TX.**
- 2013a "A cognitive approach to football chant constructions". Oral Poetics and Cognitive Science, FRIAS Freiburg (with Thomas Hoffmann).
- 2012e "Grammar's coming home – integrating socio-pragmatics into grammar". Sociolinguistics Seminar, Cambridge.**
- 2012d "Are you a construction in disguise? - Soziale und physische Kontexteigenschaften von Fussballgesangskonstruktionen. Konstruktionen – Wissen – Diskurs". Internationales Kolloquium der Graduiertenplattform des Forschungsnetzwerks »Sprache und Wissen«, des Internationalen Wissenschaftsforums und des Germanistischen Seminars der Universität Heidelberg. (with Thomas Hoffmann)**
- 2012c "Don't you swallow that goldfish! The structure and the development of the prohibitive in English". UC Santa Barbara, CA.**
- 2012b "Aelc Para Pe Pas min word gehierð... psycholinguistic perspectives on earlier Englishes". Studies in the History of the English Language, SHEL-7, Bloomington, IN.
- 2012a "Don't you swallow that goldfish! The structure and the development of the prohibitive in English". Universität Frankfurt.**
- 2011c "On how to integrate context into grammar". ISLE 2, Boston, MA.
- 2011b "Writing, reading, language change - a sociohistorical perspective on scribes, readers, and networks in medieval Britain". *Scribes as agents of language change*, Cambridge**
- 2011a "Context in Construction Grammar". Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, AG 2 (P. Schumann & J. Maibauer), Göttingen.
- 2009c "Investigating written language variation in Early English". *Beyond Free Variation*, Oxford.**
- 2009b "Literature, Language, and the Cognitive Enterprise". *Round Table on Methods in English and American Studies in Literature, Culture, and Linguistics*, Bad Bederkesa.
- 2009a "I was just reading this article – is the Present Perfect of recent past on its way out?". *Symposium on Current change in the English verb phrase*, London (mit Meike Pfaff).
- 2008c "All Change" Construction Grammar and Language Change". (Plenarvortrag) *Cognitive and social foundations of grammaticalization. ALEAR Workshop*, Bran (Romania).**
- 2008b "When concepts clash...". (Plenarvortrag) *The Literary Mind*. Berlin (Großbritannienzentrum).**

2008a “The language of two brothers revisited: philology meets social network analysis” (Plenarvortrag) SEDERI, Almagro/La Mancha.

2007 “Can we take construction grammar beyond sneezing napkins off tables?”. Anglistentag Münster.

2006f “The future in English: new perspectives from Construction Grammar?”. Explorations at the Lexis-Grammar Interface (ELeGI), Hannover.

2006e “Constructing Grammar? Construction Grammar!” Universität Bonn.

2006d “Weill, ye ken nou! Modern Scots zwischen Sprache und Dialekt“. Antrittsvorlesung, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf.

2006c “Construction Grammar meets Language Variation and Change: Sym- or antibiosis?”. 3rd Workshop of the Construction Grammar Network Germany, Düsseldorf.

2006b “Constructing the future“. Direction in English Language Studies, DELS, Manchester.

2006a “Gr8 News 4 skools: Medialer Wandel, Sprachwandel und die ‘Complaint Tradition’. Habilitationsvortrag, Universität Düsseldorf

2005f “Variatio delectat? 20 years of historical sociolinguistics: a survey“. XVII International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Madison, WI.

2005e “‘I shan’t say I shall but I won’t?’ *Shall* and *shan’t* in present-day English: a case of functional condensation?”. First International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, Edinburgh.

2005d “Grammaticalizing constructions, constructing grammaticalization“. New Reflections on Grammaticalization 3, Santiago de Compostela.

2005c “The future in context: a constructional approach“. 9th International Pragmatics Association Conference, Riva del Garda.

2005b “Analyzing professional online communication from a social network point of view“. 14th World Congress of Applied Linguistics, Madison, WI.

2005a „Neue Formen der netzgestützten kooperativen Informationsversorgung: zwei Beispiele für digital peer publishing“. 94. Deutscher Bibliothekartag, Düsseldorf.

2004c “Constructing the future“. Linguistisches Kolloquium, Düsseldorf.

2004b „Vom ‚Kaffee zum Mitnehmen‘ zum ‚Coffee to go‘: Das (Un-)Glück der Anglizismen im Deutschen“. Tag der Forschung, Universität Düsseldorf.

2004a “The light verb construction in present-day English“. International Conference on Construction Grammar 3, Marseille.

2003h „Zwischen Sprache und Dialekt: Modern Scots“. Tag der Forschung, Universität Düsseldorf

2003g “The linguistics of text messaging“. 16th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Kopenhagen

2003f “Look who’s talking: the discourse pragmatics of *see*, *hear*, *look*“. 8th International Pragmatics Association Conference, Toronto.

2003e “‘Till which encounter it is my business too’: Formal and functional factors in the (d)evolution of ‘which’“. Arizona State University, Tempe.

- 2003d** “‘Ther been Thinges thre, the whiche thynges troublen al this erthe’: Notes on the rise and demise of ‘a peculiar construction’”. University of Texas, San Antonio.
- 2003c** “Verdict: Not proven. The new media versus the complaint tradition”. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- 2003b** “Historical Sociolinguistics: quid non est?!”. University of Texas, San Antonio.
- 2003a „Der englische Liebesbrief gestern und heute: Fragen, Perspektiven“. First international interdisciplinary Symposium on the Discourse of Love. Intimacy – Media – Communication, Frankfurt.
- 2002e “Address pronouns in Late Middle English”. XIV Congreso Sociedad Española de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa Medieval, Gran Canaria.
- 2002d “Spreading the word: Patterns of diffusion in historical dialectology”. 11th International Conference on Methods in Dialectology (Methods XI), Joensuu.
- 2002c “Letters: A new approach to text typology and (sub-)genres”. Organization in Discourse II. Turku. (Workshop on letter writing practices)
- 2002b “*Which* as discourse marker”. Organization in Discourse II. The Historical Perspective, Turku.
- 2002a “Grammaticalizing relative *who*?” New Reflections on Grammaticalization 2, Amsterdam.
- 2001e “The end of romance or love by other means? Liebesbriefe vom 19. Jahrhundert bis heute“. Tag der Forschung, Universität Düsseldorf. (with Angela Kessler).
- 2001d “Whose language is it anyway? The role of the individual in linguistic theory past and present”. 33rd Societas Linguistica Europaea meeting, Leuven.
- 2001c “IU2LUVUBIAON – the decline and fall of the love letter”. International Conference on Language, the Media and International Communication, Oxford. (mit Angela Kessler)
- 2001b „Holismus und Individualismus in der Linguistik“. Kolloquium der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes zu ‚Holismus und Individualismus in den Wissenschaften‘, Düsseldorf & Strahlen.
- 2001a „Was springt um beim Akzentumsprung?“. Linguistisches Kolloquium, Düsseldorf.
- 2000b “Which *which* is *which*? The Düsseldorf *which* Hunt”. Linguistisches Kolloquium, Düsseldorf.
- 2000a** „Wie kommt das Neue in die Sprache? Evolutionäres und Revolutionäres vom Sprachwandel“. Kolloquium der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes zu ‚Das Neue‘, München.
- 1999d** “The role of markedness in the actuation and actualisation of linguistic change: the case of relativizers in Middle English”. 14th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Vancouver. (Workshop on *Patterns of Actualization*). (mit Dieter Stein)
- 1999c „Globalokalisierung: Übersetzungstheorie im 21. Jahrhundert“. Linguistisches Kolloquium, Mainz.
- 1999b “Probing the individual: The role of data and linguistic theory”. Workshop on “Theory and Empiricism”, Ascona.
- 1999a** „Zur Geschichte der Sprachwandeltheorien“, Universität Bonn.

1998c "Social Networks in Middle English". 31st Societas Linguistica Europaea meeting, St. Andrews.

1998b "Social networks in pre-1500 Britain: problems, prospects, examples". 10th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics, Manchester. (Workshop on Social Network Analysis and the History of English)

1998a "*ðe* problem with *þe* in *the* Peterborough Chronicle". 10th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics, Manchester.