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Professor of general linguistics (2016)

Ph.D. in Linguistics (2007)

Degrees and academic appointments

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| 2023–24 | Vertretungsprofessor Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich |
| 2022–23 | Guest professor at the Ludwig Maximilian University Munich |
| Since 2016 | Professor of Linguistics at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle |
| 2016 | <i>Habilitation à diriger des recherches (HDR)</i> from the Conseil National des Universités, France (section 7, by equivalence) |
| 2016 | <i>Qualification PR</i> (section 7) from the Conseil National des Universités, France |
| 2015–16 | Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Sydney |
| 2012–14 | Postdoctoral fellow (named researcher) in the AHRC project <i>Combining gender and classifiers in natural language</i> at the Surrey Morphology Group (University of Surrey, United Kingdom) |
| 2009–12 | Postdoctoral fellow in the EuroBabel project <i>Alor-Pantar languages: origins and theoretical impact</i> at the Surrey Morphology Group (University of Surrey, United Kingdom) |
| 2009 | Teaching assignment in the Linguistics department at the University of Bochum, Germany |
| 2007–09 | Postdoctoral fellow in the Language and Cognition group at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, The Netherlands |
| 2003–07 | Ph.D. candidature in Linguistics at the University of Melbourne, Australia |
| 2003–03 | Freelance work for WissenMedia Verlag, German dictionary <i>Wahrig</i> , Gütersloh, Germany |
| 2002 | Magister Artium (M.A.) at Bielefeld University, Germany |

Research topics

Language typology, language variation, language change, psycholinguistics, categorisation in language and cognition, gender and classifiers, Papuan languages, morphology and syntax

Service

- Member of the *conseil de gestion* (ILPGA, Sorbonne Nouvelle)
- Member of the *collège de spécialistes* (section 7) (Language sciences: general linguistics and phonetics) (Sorbonne Nouvelle)
- Responsible for the *Master Language Sciences* (ILPGA, Sorbonne Nouvelle)
- Responsible for the project « La typologie du genre grammatical » (axe 2 – Labex-EFL, with Heather Burnett) and the projet « Typologie des systèmes flexionnels à flexion non canonique » (axe 3 – Labex-EFL, with Enrique Palancar)
- Representative of LACITO at the Doctoral College (ED 622 Sciences du langage, Sorbonne Nouvelle)

Affiliations

- Since 2018: University of Surrey (Visiting Professor)
- 2017–20: University of Sydney (Honorary Associate)
- 2015–18: University of Surrey (Visiting Fellow)

Professional memberships

- since 2021: Société de Linguistique de Paris (SLP)
- since 2018: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS)
- since 2014: Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB)
- since 2011: Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)
- since 2006: Australian Linguistic Society (ALS)
- since 2006: Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)

Scientific co-operation and project consultancies

- 2021–24: Partner investigator: [*Complex Predicates in Languages: Emergence, Typology, Evolution \(comLETE\)*](#), binational project ANR-DFG, binational project ANR-DFG; Principal Investigators Martine Vanhove, Alexandre François, Walter Bisang, Andrej Malchukov (CNRS, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz).
- 2018–23: [*Optimal Categorisation: the origin and nature of gender from a psycholinguistic perspective*](#) (ESRC UK Grant RN0362A); Principal Investigator Greville G. Corbett, University of Surrey)
- 2015–16: [*Combining gender and classifiers in natural language*](#) (AHRC UK Grant AH/K003194/1; Principal Investigator Greville G. Corbett, University of Surrey)
- 2014–17: “Grammar Matrix Reloaded: Syntax and Semantics of Affectedness” (MOE2013-T2-1-016; Chief Investigator František Kratochvíl, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

Grants received

- 2023: Workshop *Uninflectedness* (AG 8) at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS), Labex-EFL Axe 3 Typologie des systèmes flexionnels à flexion non canonique (€ 3.000)
- 2023: Travel and accommodation funding for invited speakers (AG 8 *Uninflectedness*), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS) (€ 1.500)
- 2020–21: *Valorisation du corpus de langue mian, au travers de la Collection Pangloss*, Labex-EFL Action Défis sociétaux (Défi des langues minoritaires et des langues en danger) (EUR 2,500)
- 2020: *Arguments and agreement in Mian discourse*, Labex-EFL Axe 3 Typologie des systèmes flexionnels à flexion non canonique (EUR 450)
- 2018: *New approaches to the typology of inflection systems*, Fédération typologie et universaux linguistiques (FR 2559) (EUR 3,600).
- 2016: *Quality Publication Incentive Scheme FoR Code 2004 (Linguistics)*, University of Sydney (AUD 7,700)
- 2015: *Incomplete systems: Evidence from sporadic agreement*, Research Incubator grant, University of Sydney (AUD 5,000)
- 2013–16: Named researcher on the Arts & Humanities Research Council (UK) grant [*Combining gender and classifiers in natural language*](#) (Grant AH/K003194/1, GBP 325,539, with Greville G. Corbett, Dunstan Brown and Matthew Baerman)
- 2011: European Science Foundation – EuroBabel Dissemination Grant (EUR 1,000)
- 2007–09: Research scholarship at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen (EUR 2,300 per month)

Awards and commendations

- *Georg von der Gabelentz Award* for the best grammar published between 2009 and 2012 (A grammar of Mian). Awarded by the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT) at the 10th Biennial Conference (ALT 10) in Leipzig (Germany), August 2013.
- Teaching commendation for excellent supervision in *Honours* the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.

Scholarships

- 2003–06: Melbourne International Research Scholarship from the University of Melbourne
- 2003–07: International Postgraduate Research Scholarship from the Australian Government

Award juries

2015: ALT (Association for Linguistic Typology) *Pāṇini* Award

Editorship

- 2020–23: Editor of *LACITO Publications* (Series *Linguistic Diversity*), a new open-access platform
- Since 2019: Member of the editorial board of *Italian Journal of Linguistics*

Supervision – Ph.D. theses (total of 2)

- 2019–23 Dr Neige Rochant: “A grammar of Baga Pukur, an Atlantic language of Guinea”, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle; thesis successfully defended 7 December 2023.
- Since 2020 Moisés A. Velázquez: “Grammaire du kibiri, un isolat menacé en Papouasie-Nouvelle Guinée”, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

Supervision – Master theses (total of 16)

- 2024 Keer Deng: „Was für einen linguistischen Charakter hat ein von einem Chatbot generierter Text am Beispiel von ChatGPT“, Ludwig Maximilian University München.
- 2024 Yiyang Wang: “Zur Beschreibung von Farben am Beispiel chinesischer Lippenstiftnamen und Beschreibungen”, Ludwig Maximilian University München.
- 2024 Hongzhiye Lai: “Eine Kritische Diskursanalyse der Berichterstattung deutscher Medien über Konfuzius-Institute während der Coronapandemie (2020–2023)”, Ludwig Maximilian University München.
- 2023 Qianying Rong: “Konzeptualisierung wasserbezogener Idiome im Kantonesischen – eine empirische Untersuchung aus kognitiv-semantischer Perspektive”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Maximilian Sauerland: “Zum Thema der Subjektivität in linguistischen Frameanalysen”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Ekaterina Sonina: “Cross-linguistic analysis of the abstract concept TRUTH: a view from a cognitive and linguistic perspective”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Yuanyuan Wang: “Die Passivperiphrase im Englischen und Chinesischen”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Meng Xue : “Klassifizierung und Analyse der Verb-Komplement-Struktur im modernen Chinesischen (Beispiele von resultierenden und konvergenten Komplementen)”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Xinyi Yin: “Stigmatisierung bei Krankheiten”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Kaixi Zhang: “Fehleranalyse in Aufsätzen chinesischer Deutschlerner: Eine Untersuchung kognitiver Prozesse”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023: Cuiting Zhou: “Auf Naturphänomene bezogene Metaphern in der Tang-Poesie”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2023 Meishuo Zhu: “Ein Vergleich von farbbezogenen Idiomen in unterschiedlichen Sprachen (am Beispiel des Chinesischen und Deutschen)”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
- 2020–22 Jeremy Aroles: “Temps et aspect verbaux dans les langues Papoues”, MA thesis (Mini-Mémoire M1 & Mémoire M2), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

- 2021 Elodie Dupeyroux: “Étude descriptive du système de voix en thao, langue austronésienne de Taïwan”, MA thesis (Mini-Mémoire M1), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
- 2017 Maddyson Borka: “Aperçu du marquage différentiel de l’objet en aymara”, MA thesis (Mémoire M2), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle and INALCO
- 2016 Miriam P. Padgett: “El Nosotros Explícito: The pragmatics of explicit 1st person plural subject pronouns in Spanish and constructions of solidarity in Hugo Chavez’s political discourse”, Honours thesis, University of Sydney

Examination (without being the supervisor)

- 2021 Valentina Alfarano: “A grammar of Nalögo: an Oceanic language of Santa Cruz Island” (INALCO, president of the committee)
- 2020 Masoud Mohammadirad: “Les clitiques (pronoms et accord) dans les langues iraniennes de l’ouest” (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Ph.D. defense)
- 2019 Murad Suleymanov: “A grammar of Şirvan Tat” (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Ph.D. defense)
- 2018 Glenn A. Windschuttel: “Object verbs in Kui, Timor-Alor-Pantar and Trans-New-Guinea: An exploration of their typological and historical implications” (University of Newcastle, Australia, external reviewer)
- 2017 Yunfan Lai: “Grammaire du khroskyabs de Wobzi” (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Ph.D. defense, president of the committee)
- 2017 Matthew J. Carroll: “The Ngkolmpu language, with special reference to distributed exponence” (Australian National University, external reviewer)
- 2014 Ruth Wester: “A linguistic history of Awyu-Dumut: Morphological study and reconstruction of a Papuan family” (VU University Amsterdam, Ph.D. defense, member of the reading committee)
- 2013 Scott J. Collier: “The evolution of complexity in Greek noun inflection” (University of Surrey, Ph.D. defense, internal reviewer)

Comité de suivi (Thesis monitoring panel)

- Since 2021 Yann Le Moullec: “Grammaire angaataha : une langue anga de Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée” (INALCO) (supervisor I. Bril)
- Since 2020 Émile Faure: “Contact de langues dans l’espace baltique : cas de la morphosyntaxe de l’*estlandssvenska* et comparaison avec le suédois de Finlande, le gotlandais et le yiddish estonien” (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, supervisor P. Samvelian)
- 2019–20 Masoud Mohammadirad: “Les clitiques (pronoms et accord) dans les langues iraniennes de l’ouest”, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, supervisor P. Samvelian)
- 2017–19 Murad Suleymanov: “A grammar of Şirvan Tat” (École Pratique des Hautes Études, supervisor G. Authier)

Organization of conferences and workshops

- Workshop “Uninflectedness”, 3-day workshop at the 45th Annual Meeting of the DGfS, University Cologne, 7–10 March 2023 (with Enrique Palancar).
- *Descriptive Grammars and Typology II*, Paris, 1–3 December 2021 (organizing committee, with Neige Rochant, Yann le Moullec, Guillaume Segerer and Jeanne Zerner).
- *13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 13)*, University of Edinburgh, 10–12 June 2021 (program committee).
- *Current Trends in Papuan Linguistics*, LACITO/INALCO, Paris, 11–12 December 2019 (organizing committee, with Sylvain Loiseau and Antoinette Schapper).
- Workshop “New approaches to the typology of inflection systems”, *Fédération Typologie et Universaux Linguistiques*, University of Chicago Center in Paris, 16 November 2018 (organizing committee, with Olivier Bonami).
- *9th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 9)*, LACITO, Paris, 21–23 June 2017 (program committee).
- *Gender and Classifiers: Diachrony and Variation*, University of Surrey, 28–29 January 2016 (organizing committee).
- Workshop “Non-canonical gender systems”, *48th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)*, University of Leiden, 2–5 September 2015 (organizing committee, with Jenny Audring).
- *7th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 7)*, SOAS London, 16–17 May 2014 (program committee).
- *Gender and Classifiers: Cross-Linguistic Perspectives*, University of Surrey, 17 January 2014 (organizing committee).
- *Dissemination workshop on Alor-Pantar languages*, British Academy, London, 14 September 2012 (organizing committee).

Peer reviewing

Institutions: Agence nationale de la recherche (ANR), National Science Foundation (NSF), Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project (HRELP), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Publishers: Oxford University Press, John Benjamins, Pacific Linguistics, De Gruyter Mouton, Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften

Journals: Bulletin de la Société de Linguistique de Paris, Glossa, International Journal of American Linguistics (IJAL), Italian Journal of Linguistics (IJL), Language, Language Documentation and Description, Linguistics, Linguistic Discovery, Linguistic Typology (LT), Morphology, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (NLLT), Oceanic Linguistics, Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics, Studies in Language, STUF (Linguistic Typology and Universals)

Conferences: 7th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 7), SOAS London, May 2014; 8th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 8), SOAS London, May 2016; 9th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 9), LACITO Paris, June 2017; 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Canberra, Australia, December 2017; 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Pavia, Italy, September 2019; 2nd International Symposium of Morphology (ISM0 2019), University Paris-Diderot, September 2019; 13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference

(APLL 13), University of Edinburgh, Juni 2021; 4th International Symposium of Morphology (ISM0 2021), University Paris-Diderot, September 2021; 5th International Symposium of Morphology (ISM0 2023), ATILF Research Institute, Nancy, September 2023; Langues et langages au carrefour des disciplines (LLcD), Paris, September 2024.

Fieldwork

- May 2017: Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy (1 week)
- August 2015: Altamura, Puglia, Italy (1 week)
- June 2012 Adang, Abui, Teiwa, Wersing, and Kaera (all Papuan languages of Alor-Pantar), Denpasar (Bali), Indonesia (2 weeks)
- 2008: Mian, Mianmin, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea (2 months)
- 2005: Mian, Mianmin, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea (3 months)
- 2004: Mian, Yaspiei and Mianmin, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea (6 months)

Languages

German, English, French, Italian, Tok Pisin, Mian, Dutch, (Latin, Ancient Greek).