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## Curriculum Vitae

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### CURRENT AND RECENT EMPLOYMENT

*2022–present* Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium  
*2016–2022* Postdoctoral research fellow at **Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)** with Liliane Haegeman and Anne Breitbarth, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium  
*2014–2016* Postdoctoral research fellow at **Labex Empirical Foundations of Linguistics** with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost, Paris, France

### EDUCATION

#### DEGREES

*2014* **McGill University**. Ph.D. in Linguistics  
Thesis: *Grammatical Ingredients of Definiteness*  
Committee: Bernhard Schwarz (supervisor), Jessica Coon, Luis Alonso-Ovalle  
*2008* **University of Ottawa**. M.A. in Linguistics  
Thesis: *The PCC: a Constraint on Theta-Role Doubling in the Pronominal Domain*  
Committee: María-Luisa Rivero (supervisor), Éric Mathieu  
*2004* **M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University**. B.A. in Linguistics

#### OTHER COURSEWORK, RESEARCH STAYS, INTERNSHIPS

*2021* Causality in Qualitative Research, **FLAMES**  
*2020* Internship at **Cerence**, ASR team.  
*2019* Multilevel Regression Analysis, **FLAMES** Summer School  
*2019* Data Analysis with Python, **FLAMES**  
*2018* 30th European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI 30)  
*2011–2012* University of Tromsø, Center for Advanced Study of Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL)  
*2009* University of Pennsylvania, Department of Linguistics  
*2008* Old World Linguistic Institute (OWLi), Barcelona

## PUBLICATIONS

## IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 2022 Alexandra Simonenko and Anne Carlier. The evolution of possessive phrases and the rise of DP in French, Spanish, and Portuguese. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 7(1), 1–35. [Paper](#).
- 2020 Alexandra Simonenko and Anne Carlier. Between demonstrative and definite: A grammar competition model of the evolution of French l-determiners. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 65(3), 393–437. [Pre-print](#). <https://doi.org/10.1017/cnj.2020.14>
- 2019 Alexandra Simonenko, Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost. Agreement syncretization and the loss of null subjects: quantificational models for Medieval French. *Language Variation and Change* 31 (3), 275–301. [Pre-print](#).
- 2018 Alexandra Simonenko, Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost. Effects of text form on grammatical changes: A treebank study. *Diachronica* 35(3), 394–429. [Pre-print](#). <https://doi.org/10.1075/dia.00008.sim>
- 2018 Bernhard Schwarz and Alexandra Simonenko. Factive islands and meaning-driven unacceptability. *Natural Language Semantics* 26 (3–4), 253–279. [Pre-print](#). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-018-9146-2>
- 2016 Semantics of DP islands: The case of questions. *Journal of Semantics* 33(4), 661–702. [Pre-print](#). <https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffv011>

## IN PEER-REVIEWED EDITED VOLUMES

- under review* Hannah Booth, Giuseppe Magistro, and Alexandra Simonenko. Information structure from a comparative diachronic perspective. *The Grammatical History of the Germanic Languages: Comparative and Diachronic Aspects*, ed. Gergel, Remus and Ans van Kemenade.
- to appear* Changing Patterns of Deixis in the Nominal Domain. *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Diachronic Linguistics*, ed. Adam Ledgeway, Edith Aldridge, Anne Breitbarth, Katalin É. Kiss, Joseph Salmons, and Alexandra Simonenko. [Pre-print](#).
- in press* (invited chapter) Full vs. clitic vs. bound determiners. *Oxford Handbook of Determiners*, ed. S. Armoskaite and M. Wiltschko. [Manuscript](#).
- 2020 Alexandra Simonenko and Anne Carlier. Givenness marking in a mixed system: Constituent order vs. determiners. *Quantification and Scales in Change* (Language Science Press), ed. R. Gergel and J. F. Watkins, 203–233. [Pre-print](#).
- 2020 Existential possession in Meadow Mari. *Approaches to Predicative Possession. The View from Slavic and Finno-Ugric*, ed. G. Dalmi, J. Witkos, and P. Ceglowski. London: Bloomsbury, 162–185. [Manuscript](#).
- 2012 Alexandra Simonenko et Paul Hirschbühler. Placement de clitiques dans les propositions V1 et évolution de la structure de la proposition en ancien français. *Constructions en changement. Collection : Les voies du français*, éd. M. Dufresne, 11–53. Presses de l'université Laval: Sainte-Foye.
- 2012 Alexandra Simonenko and Alexei Leontiev. Morfo-syntax imennoi gruppy v Finno-Ugorskih yazykah (Morphosyntax of the Noun Phrase in Finno-Ugric languages). *Finno-ugorskie jazyki. Fragmenty grammaticheskogo opisaniia (Essays on the grammar of Finno-Ugric languages)*, ed. N. V. Serdobolskaya, S. Y. Toldova, S. S. Say, and E. Y. Kalinina, 262–339. Moscow: Languages of Slavic Cultures.

## IN PROCEEDINGS OF PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES

- 2019 Bernhard Schwarz, David Oshima, and Alexandra Simonenko. Factive islands from necessary blocking. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29*, ed. K. Blake, F. Davis, K. Lamp, and J. Rhyne, 529–548. <http://journals.linguisticsociety.org/proceedings/index.php/SALT/article/view/29.529>

- 2018 Bernhard Schwarz and Alexandra Simonenko. On the logical makeup of how- and why-questions. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28*, ed. S. Maspong, B. Stefánsdóttir, K. Blake and F. Davis, 533–545.  
<https://journals.linguisticsociety.org/proceedings/index.php/SALT/article/view/28.533>
- 2018 Bernhard Schwarz and Alexandra Simonenko. Decomposing universal projection in questions. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, vol. 2, ZASPiL 61, ed. U. Sauerland and S. Solt, 361–374. ZAS, Berlin.  
<https://semanticsarchive.net/Archive/GE4MWViN/Schwarz.pdf>
- 2017 Towards a semantic typology of specific determiners. *Proceedings of the 21th Amsterdam Colloquium*, ed. A. Cremers, Th. van Gessel & F. Roelofsen, 425–434.  
<http://events.illc.uva.nl/AC/AC2017/Proceedings/>
- 2017 Alexandra Simonenko, Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost. Taraldsen’s Generalization in Diachrony: Evidence from a Diachronic Corpus. *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34)*, ed. A. Kaplan, A. Kaplan, M. K. McCarvel, and E. J. Rubin, 462–469.  
<http://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/34/paper3353.pdf>
- 2016 Bernhard Schwarz and Alexandra Simonenko. Two pragmatic accounts of factive islands. *Proceedings of the 46th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46)*, ed. Ch. Hammerly & B. Prickett, vol. 3, 169–179
- 2015 Alexandra Simonenko, Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost. Morphological triggers of syntactic changes: Treebank-based Information Theoretic approach. *Proceedings of Treebanks and Linguistic Theories (TLT)*.  
<https://hal.inria.fr/hal-01240245/document>
- 2015 Structural triggers of the loss of scopelessness. *Proceedings of the 32nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 32)*, ed. U. Steindl, Th. Borer, H. Fang, A. G. Pardo, P. Guekguezian, B. Hsu, Ch. O’Hara, and I. Chuoying Ouyang, 191–200.  
<http://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/32/paper3169.pdf>
- 2014 Semantics of DP islands. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 44)*, ed. J. Iyer and L. Kusmer, vol. 2, 131–143.
- 2014 Microvariation in Finno-Ugric possessive markers. *Proceedings of the 43rd annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 43)*, ed. H.-L. Huang, E. Poole and A. Rysling, vol. 2, 127–140.  
[https://www.academia.edu/8871770/Microvariation\\_in\\_Finno-Ugric\\_possessive\\_markers\\_NELS\\_43\\_pre-print\\_](https://www.academia.edu/8871770/Microvariation_in_Finno-Ugric_possessive_markers_NELS_43_pre-print_)
- 2013 Semantics of DP islands. *Proceedings of the 19th Amsterdam Colloquium*, ed. M. Aloni, M. Franke and F. Roelofsen, 195–202.  
[http://maloni.humanities.uva.nl/AC2013/AC\\_proceedings.pdf](http://maloni.humanities.uva.nl/AC2013/AC_proceedings.pdf)
- 2013 When uniqueness is guaranteed: DEN-omission in Swedish. *Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42)*, ed. S. Keine and Sh. Slogget, vol. 2, 177–188.
- 2012 Clitic-hood as a phonological correlate of phase-head status. *Proceedings of the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 30)*, ed. N. Arnett and R. Bennett, 313–323.  
<http://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/30/>
- 2011 Spellout and double determination in Mainland Scandinavian. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, ed. L. Friedman, vol. 17(1), 204–214.  
<http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1183&context=pwpl>
- 2010 Disappearance of Old French juxtaposition genitive and case: a corpus study. *Proceedings of the annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)*, ed. M. Heijl.  
[http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/actes2010/CLA2010\\_Simonenko.pdf](http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/actes2010/CLA2010_Simonenko.pdf)
- 2008 Disambiguating the Spanish (\*)*te me* constraint: Evidence from Russian ditransitives. *Proceedings of the annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)*, ed. S. Jones.  
[http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/actes2008/CLA2008\\_Simonenko.pdf](http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/actes2008/CLA2008_Simonenko.pdf)

- 2007 Fereshteh Modarresi and Alexandra Simonenko. Quasi noun incorporation in Persian. *In Proceedings of LingO: The Second Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics*, ed. M. Kokkonidis, 181–186.  
<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.584.8749&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

## THESES

- 2014 Grammatical Ingredients of Definiteness. PhD dissertation, McGill University. [Thesis](#).  
 2008 The PCC: a Constraint on Theta-Role Doubling in the Pronominal Domain. MA thesis, University of Ottawa.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2024 Giuseppe Magistro and Alexandra Simonenko. Preliminary observations in the distribution of weak vs. strong determiners in Dutch. Workshop “Clausal determiners” of the DFG network “Definiteness across domains”. Humboldt University, Berlin, September 2–3, 2024. [Slides](#).
- 2023 Mappings between context sets and definite forms: variation and stability. *Workshop “Issues in the Syntax and Semantics of Definiteness”*. University of Bucharest, December 8–9.
- 2023 A language change approach to probabilistic universals: case and order. *Diachronic Generative Syntax (DiGS) 24*. Université Paris Cité, July 4–7.
- 2023 Bare nouns across time and the determiner systems. *Workshop “Bare nouns” of the DFG-funded network “Definiteness across domains”*. University of Wuppertal, March 4–6.
- 2023 Syntactic changes tracking morphological: A language change approach to implicational universals. Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna, January 26.
- 2022 Demonstratives and strong definites: two ways to point to a situation. *Workshop “Two kinds of definites” of the DFG-funded network “Definiteness across domains”*. University of Potsdam, 12/15–16.
- 2022 Situational semantics of demonstratives and the definiteness cycle. *Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS7)*. Budapest, Hungary, November 10–11.
- 2022 What can historical treebanks teach us about noun phrase semantics? *Research Training Group Nominal Modification* Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main, June 5.
- 2022 The semantics of the distal/proximal features and the diachronic competition between demonstrative and strong definite interpretations *Workshop “Two kinds of definites” of the Research Network Definiteness across domains* Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, June 28–July 1.
- 2021 Failed change in Romance and Germanic possessive phrases: stable semantics, changing pragmatics (joint work with Anne Carlier and Gertjan Postma). *Collaborative Research Center 833 (SFB 833), Project C1 “Variation in the Interpretation Component of Grammar”*, University of Tübingen, June 10.
- 2021 Evolution of pre-nominal possessives: A comparative quantitative study of French, Spanish, and Portuguese (joint work with Anne Carlier and Gertjan Postma). *Language Change: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 01/20–21. [Slides](#).
- 2018 Modelling causation in semantic and syntactic change. *Workshop of the research group Multidisciplinary Empirical Research Modelling Acquisition In Diachrony (MERMAID)* University of Mannheim, 04/28, 2018
- 2018 Round table discussant at *Colloque de la société internationale de diachronie du français (SIDF)* on the state of the art of corpora for the study of French, Université de Neuchâtel, 01/10–12.
- 2017 Historical corpus data as a proxy for unobservable phenomena: phonological changes in Medieval French (joint work with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost). *Invited workshop “Texts, Tools, and Methods in Digital Classics and Medieval Studies”*. Rome, 05/31–06/01.

- 2017 The emergence of the definite articles across semantic contexts in a Medieval French corpus (joint work with Anne Carlier). Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, Université Paris 7 Diderot, 04/06.
- 2017 The expansion of the *l*-articles in Medieval French as a consequence of a semantic shift (joint work with Anne Carlier). Leiden Utrecht Semantics Happenings (LUSH), Leiden University, 03/30.
- 2016 Structural and acquisition-based models of the morphology-syntax interactions in language change (joint work with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost). Division of Linguistics and English Language, University of Manchester, 10/15.
- 2015 “Modéliser le changement : les voies du français” avec Supplément de Penn : un corpus annoté en constituants. Université Charles de Gaulle Lille 3, 01/16.
- 2014 Kategorii posessivnosti i/ili opredelennosti v FU: sintaksis i semantika (Categories of possessivity and/or definiteness in Finno-Ugric: syntax and semantics). Finno-Ugric seminar, Moscow State University Linguistics Department, 10/03.
- 2012 Clitic-hood as a Phonological Correlate of Phase-Head Status: Connecting Phonological and Syntactic Opacity. City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center, 11/20.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 (with Florian Schwarz, Agata Renans, Hasiyatu Abubakari, Dorothy Ahn, Fenna Bergsma, Nattanu Chanchaochai, Reginald Duah, Imke Driemel, Geist Ljudmila, Mira Grubic, Sampson Korsah, Suet-Ying Lam, Cecile Meier, Yağmur Sağ, Ankana Saha, and Radek Šimík) Two types of definites – cross-linguistic experimental study. *Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning (X-PPL)*. University of Zurich, 11/6–8.
- 2022 poster Capturing historical causality via game-theoretic interactions. *Machine Learning and the Evolution of Language (ml4evolang), JCoLE Workshop*. Kanazawa, Japan, 09/5–8.
- 2021 poster (with Anne Carlier) Pragmatic drivers of the rise of determiners: Game-theoretic simulations vs. historical French. *Diachronic Generative Syntax (DiGS) 22*. University of Konstanz, 05/19–22. [Poster](#).
- 2019 (with Anne Carlier) Simulating the role of pragmatic reasoning in word order changes. *Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS 4)*. The Ohio State University, 10/15–16. [Slides](#).
- 2019 (with Bernhard Schwarz and David Oshima) Factive islands from necessary blocking. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29*. UCLA, 05/17–19.
- 2019 (with Carmen Dorovie-Sorin) Presuppositional indefinites in French: a blocking account. *45 Incontro di Grammatica Generative*. University of Padua, 02/21–23.
- 2019 (with Anne Carlier) Maximality and situation-sensitivity. *Workshop “Sorting out definiteness”, 41st Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS)*. University of Bremen, 03/6–8.
- 2018 (with Anne Carlier) Emergence of maximality: The case of French possessive determiners. *Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS 3)*. University of Oslo, 09/13–14.
- 2018 (with Anne Carlier) Becoming definite: The diachrony of French possessive pronouns. *Workshop “Quantity in Language and Thought” at 30th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information* Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski” and the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IICT-BAS), 08/06–17.
- 2018 (with Bernhard Schwarz) Ways and reasons: probing the semantics of how- and why-questions. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 28)*. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 05/18–20.
- 2018 (with Bernhard Schwarz) Wh-restrictor plurality and question pragmatics. *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW 41)*. The Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 04/10–14. [Handout](#).
- 2017 Towards a typology of specificity markers. *Amsterdam Colloquium*. The University of Amsterdam, 12/20–22.

- 2017 (with Yakov Testeleets) Russian amalgams: pragmatic effects of impoverished mental predicates. *Formal Description of Slavic Languages 12.5*. University of Nova Gorica, 12/7–9.
- 2017 Determiners as a probe into diachronic information structure. *Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS 2)*. Saarland University, 11/20–21.
- 2017 (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Agreement syncretisation as a trigger of null subjects decline in Medieval French. *XLanS: Triggers of language change in the Language Sciences*. University of Lyon, 10/11–13.
- 2017 OVS as a topic shift configuration in Medieval French. *Word Order in the Left Periphery*. University of Oslo, 10/17–18.
- 2017 (with Bernhard Schwarz) Decomposing universal projection in questions. *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*. ZAS (Berlin) and University of Potsdam, 09/7–10.
- 2017 (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Null subject decline co-occurring with agreement syncretisation: coincidence, sameness, or causality? *Linguistic Knowledge & Patterns of Variation*. Meertens Institute and Leiden University, 08/24–26.
- 2016 (with Anne Carlier) The evolution of the French definite article: from strong to weak. *Going Romance*. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, 12/8–10.
- 2016 (with Anne Carlier) The evolution of the French definite article: from strong to weak. *Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS)*. University of Konstanz, 09/12–14.
- 2016 (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Effects of text form on grammatical changes. *49th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE 2016)*. University of Naples Federico II. 08/31–09/03.
- 2016 (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Agreement syncretisation and the loss of null subjects in Medieval French: structural and quantitative models. *18 Diachronic Generative Syntax conference (DiGS 18)*. Ghent University, 06/29–07/01.
- 2016 (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Quantificational dimension of Taraldsen’s generalization: The loss of pro-drop and rich verbal inflection in French. *New Ways of Analysing Syntactic Variation 2 (NWASV 2)*. Ghent University, 05/19–20.
- 2016 (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Taraldsen’s generalization in Medieval French. *The 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34)*. University of Utah, 04/29–05/01.
- poster (with Benoit Crabbé and Sophie Prévost) Morphological triggers of syntactic changes: Treebank-based Information Theoretic approach. *The 14th International Workshop on Treebanks and Linguistic Theories (TLT14)*. The Institute of Computer Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences. 12/11–12.
- 2015 (with Bernhard Schwarz) Two accounts of factive islands. *The 46th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46)*. Concordia University, 10/16–18.
- 2015 (with Bernhard Schwarz) Two pragmatic accounts of factive islands. *Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris (CSSP)*. Paris 7 Diderot, 10/08–10.
- 2014 A structural account of the loss of scopelessness. *The 32nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 32)*. University of Southern California, 03/07–09.
- poster Semantics of wh-islands. *The 44th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 44)*. University of Connecticut, 10/18–20.
- 2013 Wh-island DPs and pragmatics of question. *The 6th Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM 6) semantics workshop*. McGill University, 03/22.
- poster (with Maksim Kudrinski, Daria Popova, and Svetlana Toldova) Emerging information structure effects: Clitic particles in Khanty. *Workshop “NP Syntax and Information Structure” at the 35th Annual Conference of German Linguistic Society (DGfS)*. Potsdam University, 03/12–15.
- 2013 Microvariation in head-exponent alignment: Finno-Ugric possessive suffixes. *Languages with and without Articles 2013*. Université Paris 8, 02/28–03/01.

- 2012  
poster (with Maksim Kudrinski and Daria Popova) Fokusnye chastitsy v kazymskom dialekte hantyskogo yazyka: analiz priimennyh upotrebeniy (Focus particles in Kazym dialect of Khanty language: analysis of adnominal uses). *The 9th Conference on Grammar and Typology for Young Researchers*. Saint Petersburg State University, 11/22–24.
- 2012 Microvariation in head-exponent alignment: Finno-Ugric possessive suffixes. *The 43th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 43)*. City University of New York, 10/19–21.
- 2012 When uniqueness is guaranteed: DEN-omission in Swedish. *Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)*. Wilfrid Laurier University, 05/26–28.
- 2012 Different flavours of definiteness: Evidence from Meadow Mari and Komi Izhem. *The 18th Conference of the Finno-Ugric Studies Association of Canada*. Wilfrid Laurier University, 05/26–28.
- 2012 Clitic-hood as a phonological correlate of phase-head status: evidence from the Mainland North Germanic DP. *The 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 30)*. University of California in Santa Cruz, 04/16–18.
- 2012  
poster Three types of Norwegian superlatives. *The 5th Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM 5) semantics workshop*. University of Ottawa, 03/10.  
[http://people.linguistics.mcgill.ca/~alexandra.simonenko/Papers&Handouts\\_files/Simonenko2012NorwegianSuperlativesPoster.pdf](http://people.linguistics.mcgill.ca/~alexandra.simonenko/Papers&Handouts_files/Simonenko2012NorwegianSuperlativesPoster.pdf)
- 2011  
poster When uniqueness is guaranteed: DEN-omission in Swedish. *The 42th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42)*. University of Toronto, 11/11–13.
- 2011 Clitic-hood as a phonological correlate of phase-head status: evidence from Mainland Scandinavian DP. *Workshop “Challenging Clitics”*. University of Oslo, 10/27–28.
- 2011 (with Paul Hirschbühler) Évolution de la structure propositionnelle et de la position des clitiques dans les propositions à verbe initial en ancien français. *Colloque de Société Internationale of Diachronie du Français (SIDF) “L’histoire du français: état des lieux et perspectives”*. Université de Nancy, 09/06–08.
- 2011 (with Paul Hirschbühler) Changes in clitic position in Old French V1 clauses: V movement vs tense dependency? *The 13th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS 13)*. University of Pennsylvania, 06/02–05.
- 2011 Domains in Mainland Scandinavian DP: syntax and phonology. *Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)*. University of New Brunswick, 05/28–30.
- 2011 When uniqueness is “guaranteed”: DEN-omission in Swedish. *The 4th Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM 4) semantics workshop*. University of Toronto, 04/09.
- 2010 The loss of Old French juxtaposition genitive and case: Corpus study. *Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)*. Concordia University, 05/29–31.
- 2010 Spellout domains and focalization in Mainland Scandinavian DP. *Penn Linguistic Colloquium (PLC 34)*. University of Pennsylvania. March 19–21.
- 2010 Does “double definiteness” double definiteness? Interpretation of adjectives in Mainland Scandinavian DP. *Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop (TOM 3)*. McGill University, 03/06.
- 2009 (with Paul Hirschbühler) Évolution de la périphérie gauche de la phrase et de la position des clitiques dans l’histoire du français. *Atelier de syntaxe historique – GRTC, Les voies du français*. University of Montreal, 05/29.
- 2008 Non-inflectional features and the predicate-argument structure. *Bilingual Workshop in Theoretical Linguistics (BWTL/ABLT 12)*. University of Ottawa, 12/05–06.
- 2008 Disambiguating the Spanish (\*)*te me* constraint: evidence from Russian ditransitives. *Old World Linguistic Institute (OWLi)*. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 08/23–24.
- 2008 (with Fereshteh Modarresi) Quasi-incorporation in Persian. *Complex Predicates in Iranian Languages*. Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3, 07/05–06.
- 2008 Issues with [control:] in Spanish and Russian ditransitives. *Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)*. University of British Columbia, 05/31–06/02.

2007 (with Fereshteh Modarresi) Quasi Noun Incorporation in Persian. *Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics (LingO)*. Oxford University, 09/21–22.

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

### GHENT UNIVERSITY

2024 Fall *English Linguistics: Generative Grammar* (with Yiming Liang).  
 2024 Fall *Algemene Taalwetenschap II: Taalvariatie en taalverandering* (with Johanna Barðdal, Andrea Cuomo, Renata Enghels, Mihaela Iliaia, Marieke Van Acker).  
 2024 Spring *Europese talen in contact. Geschiedenis en methodologie* (with Jürgen Pieters).  
 2023 Fall *Algemene Taalwetenschap II* (with Johanna Barðdal, Andrea Cuomo, Renata Enghels, Mihaela Iliaia, Marieke Van Acker).  
 2023 Fall *English Linguistics: Generative Grammar*.  
 2022 Fall *Algemene Taalwetenschap II* (with Johanna Barðdal, Andrea Cuomo, Renata Enghels, Mihaela Iliaia, Marieke Van Acker).  
 2022 Fall *Language Variation and Change* (with Anne Breitbarth).  
 2022 Fall *English Linguistics: Generative Grammar*.  
 2022 Winter *English Linguistics: Generative Grammar*.  
 2021 Spring *English Linguistics: Generative Grammar*.  
 2019 Fall *English Linguistics: Generative Grammar* (with Karen De Clercq).

### EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN

2021 Summer *Structure and Meaning*.  
 2021 Winter *Structure and Meaning*.

### MCGILL UNIVERSITY

2014 Spring *Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 200)*.  
 2013 Fall *Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)* (with Jessica Coon).  
 2012 Fall *Morphology (LING 440/640)* (with Alex Drummond).  
 2012 Summer *Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)*.

### MA SUPERVISION

2022–2023 Master's thesis. Tania Ahmad, "Diachronic changes in the demonstrative system in Old and Middle English", Ghent University.  
 2019–2020 Master's qualifying paper. Stepan Mikhailov, "Semantics of the second person possessive maker in Khanty", National Research Institute "Higher School of Economics", School of Linguistics, Moscow.

### POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW SUPERVISION

2024–present Elisabeth Kerr. FWO Postdoctoral Fellowship. Co-supervisor with Koen Bostoen (principal supervisor) and Anne Breitbarth.  
 2024–present Yiming Liang. ERC/UGhent.  
 2023–present Giuseppe Magistro. ERC/UGhent.



## CORPUS PROJECTS

- in progress* PCMD: Parsed Corpus of Middle Dutch, with Gertjan Postma and Yiming Liang.
- 2016–2021 Morphological analyser (FST-based) and corpus for Meadow Mari in collaboration with Trond Trosterund (University of Tromsø), Jeremy Bradley (University of Vienna), Jack Rueter (University of Helsinki), and Anna Volkova). [Corpus](#).

## EDITING

- in progress* *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Diachronic Linguistics*, with Edith Aldridge, Anne Breitharth, Katalin É. Kiss, Adam Ledgeway, and Joe Salmons.

## REVIEWING

## MANUSCRIPTS

- 2024 *Journal of Semantics*
- 2023 *NLLT, Journal of Historical Syntax, Journal of French Language Studies, Glossa*
- 2022 *Isogloss, Studii de lingvistică*
- 2021 *Linguistics and Philosophy, Language Variation and Change, Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Acta Linguistica Academica, Journal of Linguistics, Journal of French Language Studies*
- 2020 *Journal of Greek Linguistics, Studia Linguistica Romanica, Glossa, Natural Language Semantics, Journal of East Asian Linguistics*
- 2019 *NLLT, Glossa, Finno-Ugric Languages and Linguistics*
- 2018 *Cambridge University Press, Language Science Press (x2), Diachronica, Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory series, monograph*
- 2017 *Diachronica (x2), NLLT, Digital Scholarship in the Humanities, Language Variation and Change, Canadian Journal of Linguistics*
- 2015 *Studies in Linguistics and Philosophy series (Springer), Linguistics, Cognitive Science*
- 2014 *Proceedings of the 43rd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, Oxford University Press, textbook*

## ABSTRACTS

- 2024 *Langues & Langage à la croisée des Disciplines (LLcD)*
- 2022–24 *Diachronic Generative Syntax (DiGS)*
- 2021 *Workshop on the Structure of Uralic Languages (WSUL)*
- 2015–21, '23–24 *NELS*
- 2018–19, '21 *Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS)*
- 2019–20 *GLOW*
- 2019 *Symposium on Representations, Usage and Social Embedding in Language Change (RUSE)*
- 2018 *Sorting out Definiteness (workshop at the 41st Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society)*
- 2017 *Formal Descriptions of Slavic Languages*
- 2010, '13 *McGill's Canadian Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates*

## EXTERNAL FUNDING AND AWARDS

- 2022–27 ERC Starting Grant “CAUSALITY” #101042427 (EUR 1,172,500.00), PI.
- 2017–18 (with Anne Carlier) Interregional mobility grant Lille-Ghent-Leuven for the project “Statistical Modelling of Language Change: the emergence of the marking of definiteness” (€1000).
- 2016–19 CNRS grant “Projet International de Coopération Scientifique” (France-Russia) for the project “Multimodal analysis of the noun phrase in Finno-Ugric languages: Referential continuity and encoding of the informational structure of the sentence”, PIs Benjamin Fagard (CNRS) & Natalya Serdobolskaya (Russian State University for the Humanities).
- 2011 High North Fellowship (\$9,500). Norwegian ministry of foreign affairs (via University of Tromsø).

## FIELDWORK

- 2018  
March Meadow Mari. Saryj Torjal village, Mari Republic, Russia.
- 2017  
August Barguzin Buryat. Baraghan village, Buryat Republic, Russia.
- 2016  
Oct–Nov Moksha Mordvin. Lesnoe Tsibaevoo village, Mordvin Republic, Russia.
- 2016  
Sept–Oct Meadow Mari. Saryj Torjal village, Mari Republic, Russia.
- 2012  
Jul Komi Izhem. Vosjahovo village, Yamalo-Nenets district, Russia.
- 2012  
Jul Khanty. Tegi village, Khanty-Mansi district, Russia.
- 2011  
Dec Meadow Mari. Saryj Torjal village, Mari Republic, Russia.
- 2002  
Aug Komi Pechor. Eremeevo village, Komi Republic, Russia.
- 2000  
Aug Meadow Mari. Saryj Torjal village, Mari Republic, Russia.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Russian (native), Ukrainian (heritage), English (fluent), French (fluent), Dutch (B1)

## SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

R, Python, CorpusSearch, LaTeX