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Academic Positions

2014– **Assistant Professor**, *Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics*, Concordia University.

Education

- 2016 **Turfan studies summer school “Sogdians and Turks on the Silk Road”**, *Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities*, Aug. 22—Sept. 2.
- 2009–14 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *Harvard University*.
- 2009 **4th Leiden Summer School in Indo-European Linguistics**, *Leiden University*, July 27–Aug. 7.
- 2007 **ERASMUS exchange semester**, *Università La Sapienza*, Rome.
- 2006 **1st Leiden Summer School in Indo-European Linguistics**, *Leiden University*, July 31–Aug. 11.
- 2004–9 **M.A. in Linguistics (Mag.phil.)**, *University of Vienna*, graduation with honors.

Ph.D. Thesis

Title *Feature Mismatch: Deponency in Indo-European Languages*

Committee Jay Jasanoff (chair), Sabine Iatridou, Jeremy Rau, Isabelle Charnavel

Description This thesis investigates the properties of deponents (verbs with non-active morphology, but active syntax) in several Indo-European languages, with a focus on Vedic Sanskrit, Greek, Hittite, and Latin. I analyze deponents as exhibiting a mismatch between morphological form and syntactic context and argue that this behavior is rooted in the mechanics of the morphosyntax of voice in these languages, with deponents introducing a non-canonical agent argument. I also reconstruct a number of proto-Indo-European deponents and discuss the consequences of reconstructing “mismatch verbs” for our understanding of the proto-Indo-European voice system.

M.A. Thesis

Title *The Vedic i-stems and internal derivation*

Adviser Melanie Malzahn

Description This thesis collects all nominal stems in -(C)i- in the Rigveda and provides data on their metrical distribution, as well as an analysis of their synchronic function and diachronic development from proto-Indo-European.

Research interests

Comparative Indo-European linguistics, morphosyntax, language change, reconstruction of Indo-European nominal and verbal morphology, nominal compounding, Indo-Iranian nominal and verbal morphology, voice systems, diachronic syntax, reflexivity in the Indo-European languages, verbal morphology of Greek, Latin, Hittite, Indo-Iranian.

Peer-reviewed publications

Under review **Deponency in finite and non-finite contexts.**

Forthcoming **Reconstructing Proto-Indo-European deponents.** To appear in *Indo-European Linguistics* 4 (2016).

2015 **Number marking in German measure phrases and the structure of pseudo-partitives.** *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 18/2: 93–138. DOI 10.1007/s10828-015-9074-1.

2013 **The Indo-Iranian *cákri*-type.** *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 133.2: 269–293.

Conference proceedings

To appear ***Internal Affairs: Akzent-/Ablautklassen und Interne Derivation*** [*Internal affairs: accent/ablaut classes and internal derivation*]. With Hannes A. Fellner. Proceedings of *Sanskrit und die SprachRevolution — 200 Jahre Indogermanistik*, May 17–20, Berlin/Jena. To appear in *Historische Sprachforschung/Historical Linguistics*, 2017.

Gemeinsame Unterschiede und unterschiedliche Gemeinsamkeiten der hethitischen und tocharischen Nominalmorphologie. With Hannes A. Fellner. Proceedings of *100 Jahre Entzifferung des Hethitischen — Morphosyntaktische Kategorien in Sprachgeschichte und Forschung*. Workshop of the Society for Indo-European Studies, Philipps-Universität Marburg, 21–23 Sept. 2015

On the syntax of the participles of Indo-European deponent verbs. Proceedings of the Workshop of the Society for Indo-European Studies, Paris 2014: *Adjectifs verbaux et participes dans les langues indo-européennes*, ed. C. Le Feuvre, D. Petit, and G.-J. Pinault.

The Greek and Latin verbal governing compounds in *-ā- and their prehistory. With Hannes A. Fellner. Proceedings of *Etymology and the European lexicon. 14th Fachtagung of the Society for Indo-European Studies, University of Copenhagen, 17-22 Sept. 2012.*

2016 **More span-conditioned allomorphy: Voice morphology in Classical Greek.** Proceedings of NELS 46, eds. C. Hammerly and B. Prickett. Amherst: GLSA, vol. 2, 1–10.

2014 **“Split deponency” in proto-Indo-European.** *Proceedings of the 25th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, eds. Stephanie W. Jamison, H. Craig Melchert, and Brent Vine. Bremen: Hempen, 75–86.

Zur Funktion des Nominalsuffixes *-i- im Vedischen und Urindogermanischen (“On the function of the nominal suffix *-i- in Vedic and proto-Indo-European”). *Das Nomen im Indogermanischen: Morphologie, Substantiv versus Adjektiv, Kollektivum. Akten der Arbeitstagung der Indogermanischen Gesellschaft vom 14. bis 16. September 2011 in Erlangen*, eds. N. Oettinger and Th. Steer. Wiesbaden: Reichert, 88–102.

Working papers and edited volumes

To appear **On “*i*-substantivizations” in Vedic compounds.** To appear in a forthcoming Festschrift.

- 2015 **From inalienable possession to reflexivity: The development of Vedic *tanú-* ‘body’.** *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics* 30, 25–44.

Invited talks

- 2016 **Gender trouble: some puzzles in Greek nominal gender morphology,** *Indo-European from within: Explaining IE subphyla by themselves*, Göttingen, March 1–3, 2016.
Misbehaving verbs: deponents, voice, and the properties of *vP*, Yale University, Department of Linguistics, Feb. 22, 2016.
- 2015 **Participles and voice mismatches: deponency in non-finite contexts,** UQAM Département de linguistique, Nov. 25, 2015.
Diathesenunterschiede in Partizipialbildungen indogermanischer Deponentien, Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna, June 17, 2015.

Conference talks and posters

- Upcoming **A voice allomorphy puzzle in the Classical Greek passive,** to be presented at *Morphology in Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto (Mo-MOT 1)*, Carleton University, Ottawa, Nov. 18–20, 2016.
- 2016 **“Strict” adjacency and voice allomorphy in Classical Greek passives,** poster presented at *NELS 47*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Oct. 14–16, 2016.
Zur Ablautstufe medialer Wurzelaoriste im Griechischen, *Zurück zur Wurzel – Struktur, Funktion und Semantik der Wurzel im Indogermanischen*, 15th Fachtagung of the Society for Indo-European Studies, Vienna, Austria, Sept. 13–16, 2016.
A “participle cycle”? The diachronic morphosyntax of Greek participles, 18th *Diachronic Generative Syntax conference*, Ghent, Belgium, June 29–July 1, 2016.
On some eccentric *i*-substantivizations in Indo-European compounds, 36th *East Coast Indo-European Conference*, Athens, Georgia, June 6–8, 2016.
Internal affairs: Akzent-/Ablautklassen und Interne Derivation, with Hannes A. Fellner. *Sanskrit und die SprachRevolution: 200 Jahre Indogermanistik*, Berlin/Jena, May 17–20, 2016.
Voice mismatches in non-finite contexts: the morphosyntax of deponent participles, Poster presented at WCCFL 34, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, April 29–May 1, 2016.
- 2015 **More span-conditioned allomorphy: voice morphology in Classical Greek,** poster presented at NELS 46, Concordia University, Montréal, Oct. 16–18, 2015.
Gemeinsame Unterschiede und unterschiedliche Gemeinsamkeiten der hethitischen und tocharischen Nominalmorphologie, with Hannes A. Fellner. *100 Jahre Entzifferung des Hethitischen — Morphosyntaktische Kategorien in Sprachgeschichte und Forschung.* Workshop of the Society for Indo-European Studies, Philipps-Universität Marburg, 21–23 Sept. 2015.
Deponency as reanalysis: a diachronic account of voice mismatches, 22nd International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Naples, 27–31 July, 2015.
On “*i*-substantivizations” in Vedic nominal compounds, 16th *World Sanskrit Conference*, Bangkok, Thailand, June 28–July 2, 2014.
Greek aorists and the “alphathematic” conjugation, 34th *East Coast Indo-European Conference*, University of Vienna, June 3–7, 2015.

- 2014 **On the syntax of the participles of Indo-European deponent verbs**, *Workshop of the Society for Indo-European Studies: Verbal adjectives and participles in the Indo-European languages*, Paris, École Pratique des Hautes Études & École Normale Supérieure, Sept. 24–26, 2014.
- Reconstructing proto-Indo-European deponents**, *33rd East Coast Indo-European Conference*, June 6–8, 2014, Virginia Tech.
- Localizing Voice in bivalent voice systems: passive and middle in Sanskrit and Greek**, Poster at *GLOW 37, Main Colloquium*, Brussels, Apr. 2-4, 2014.
- Deponents and feature mismatch**, *88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Minneapolis, January 2–5, 2014.
- 2013 **“Split deponency” in proto-Indo-European**, *25th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, Los Angeles, Oct. 25–26, 2013.
- The syntax of plural marking in German and English pseudo-partitives**, Poster presented at the *87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
- Middle voice vs. reflexive pronouns: evidence from Rigvedic Sanskrit**, Poster presented at the *87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Boston, January 3-6, 2013.
- 2012 **The Greek and Latin verbal governing compounds in *-ā- and their prehistory**, with Hannes A. Fellner. *Etymology and the European Lexicon. 14th Fachtagung of the Society for Indo-European Studies*, Copenhagen, Sept. 17–22, 2012.
- Did Vedic Sanskrit have anaphors? A closer look at svā-**, *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 2*, MIT, March 17–18, 2012.
- 2011 **Zur Funktion des Suffixes *-i- im Vedischen und Urindogermanischen**, *Workshop of the Society for Indo-European Studies: The Indo-European noun*, Erlangen, Sept 14–16, 2011.
- 2010 **Why I? Indo-European *-i-stems and the Vedic cākri-type**, *22nd Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, Nov. 5–6, 2010.
- 2008 **Zur internen Derivation: Die vedischen i-Stämme**, *36th Annual Meeting of the Austrian Linguistic Society*, University of Vienna, Dec. 5–8, 2008.

Workshop talks and guest lectures

- 2016 **Alumni Perspectives**, *Guest Lecture at Harvard University, Practicum in Linguistics (Ling 241r)*, with Lauren Clemens, April 1, 2016. Instructor: Jay Jasanoff.
- 2014 **Participles and voice revisited: The view from Indo-European deponents**, *Linguistic Colloquium*, Concordia University, Oct. 24, 2014.
- Language change**, *Guest Lecture at McGill University, Montreal*, Introduction to the Study of Language (Ling 200), Nov. 26, 2014. Instructor: Lauren Clemens.
- Two voice mismatch puzzles in Sanskrit and Greek**, *MIT Syntax Square*, March 4, 2014.
- 2013 **Reconstructing proto-Indo-European deponents**, *GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics*, Harvard University, Oct. 18, 2013.
- 2009 **Why does I bother? Some synchronic and diachronic problems of the Vedic i-stems**, *GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics*, Harvard University, Dec. 4, 2009.

Teaching

Concordia University, Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics

Ling 200: Introduction to Linguistic Science (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Winter 2016)

Ling 330: Sanskrit (Winter 2015, Fall 2015, Winter 2016, Fall 2016, Winter 2017)

Ling 336: Comparative Indo-European Linguistics (undergraduate & graduate level, Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Fall 2016)

Ling 380: Morphology (Fall 2014, Fall 2016)

Ling 420: Language Change (undergraduate & graduate level, Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Fall 2016, Winter 2017)

Ling 436: Advanced Indo-European Studies (Fall 2015)

Ling 437: Problems in Indo-European Comparative Grammar (Winter 2017)

Ling 490: Honours thesis tutorial (Winter 2016, Winter 2017)

Harvard University, Department of Linguistics

Sole instructor for

Ling 97: History of Linguistics (tutorial, Spring 2012)

Ling 97: Ergativity (tutorial, Spring 2012)

Ling 97: The syntax of nominalizations (tutorial, Spring 2013)

Ling 98: Diachronic syntax (tutorial, Fall 2011, Fall 2012)

Ling 98: Topics in the syntax of Sanskrit (tutorial, Fall 2012)

Teaching assistant for

Ling 107: Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics (Instructor: Jay Jasanoff, Spring 2013)

Ling 108: Introduction to Historical Linguistics (Instructor: Jeremy Rau, Fall 2011)

University of Vienna, Department of Linguistics

Teaching assistant for Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics (*Einführung in die Indogermanistik*), Spring 2008, instructor: Hans-Christian Luschützky; Spring 2009, instructor: Heiner Eichner

Advising

Graduate

2016- Ricky Germain, *Lithuanian definite adjectives and their origin from reduced relative clause structures*, M.A. thesis, Individualized Program, Concordia University

Eric Walker, *Pre-Celtic *ō > *ā, *ū: a stress-conditioned change*, M.A. thesis, Individualized Program, Concordia University

Undergraduate

2016- Aisha Barisé, *Voice and valency in Japanese verbal morphology* (working title), Undergraduate Honours Thesis in Linguistics, Concordia University

2016 Khalil Bensbaa, *The emergence of Modern Arabic dialects*, Undergraduate Honours Thesis in Linguistics, Concordia University

Departmental Service

- 2011–13 Organizer of the *GSAS Workshop on Indo-European and Historical Linguistics*, Harvard University, Department of Linguistics.
- Spring 2011 Organizer of the reading group on the Indo-European verb, Harvard University, Department of Linguistics.
- 2008–9 Student representative committee member for the appointment of the chair in General Linguistics, University of Vienna.
- 2005–7 Student Council representative for Linguistics, University of Vienna.

Service to the Profession

Conferences

- 2016 Convenor (with Hannes A. Fellner, Michael Frotscher, Stefan Höfler and Marek Majer), *Caland in Sight—Property Concept Morphology from the Perspective of Indo-European and Theoretical Linguistics*. Workshop at the 42nd Austrian Linguistics Meeting, University of Graz, Nov. 18–20, 2016.
- 2012 Co-organizer of *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) 2*, MIT, March 17-18 2012.
- 2008 Organizer of the 36th Annual Meeting of the Austrian Linguistic Society (36. *Österreichische Linguistiktagung*).

Reviewing

- Abstracts FASAL 2 (2012), *Pronouns@Tübingen 2: Pronouns in Embedded Contexts at the Syntax-Semantics Interface* (2014), NELS 46 (2015)
- Articles *Journal of Historical Syntax* (2014)
- Books Wiley-Blackwell (2014)

Awards and Fellowships

- 2014 Graduate Student Council conference grant, Harvard University
- 2006, 2009 University of Vienna grant for outstanding academic achievement (*Leistungsstipendium*)
- 2007 Stipend of the European Union ERASMUS program (*ERASMUS* mobility stipend)

Languages

Native	German
Native-like	English
Advanced	Italian, French
Reading	Spanish
Philological competence	Vedic Sanskrit, Avestan, Hittite, Luvian, Greek, Latin, Old Irish, Tocharian
Coursework & Structural knowledge	Gothic, Old Church Slavonic, Oscan, Umbrian, Akkadian, Kaqchikel Mayan, Yiddish, Czech, Modern Greek, Old Turkic, Sogdian

■ Misc.

Technical skills \LaTeX , FileMaker Pro
Professional Linguistic Society of America, Society for Indo-European Studies (*Indogermanische*
memberships *Gesellschaft*), American Oriental Society

■ Referees

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