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EDUCATION

PhD in Applied Linguistics, Saarland University, Germany (Oct 2014 – Present)

- Dissertation: *Linguistic densification in the English noun phrase: A corpus-based study of complexity features across time and registers*
- Advisor: Elke Teich

Master of Advanced Studies in Linguistics, KU Leuven, Belgium (Sep 2013 – Sep 2014)

- Specialization: cognitive and functional linguistics
- Grade: magna cum laude (79.8%)
- Thesis: *Further and Farther: Competition or Functional Differentiation?*
- Advisor: Hendrik De Smet

Master of Linguistics and Literature: English, KU Leuven, Belgium (Sep 2012 – Sep 2013)

- Grade: magna cum laude (80%)
- Thesis: *Nominal and Verbal Gerunds with Genitive Subjects in Present-Day English: A Comparative Corpus Study*
- Advisor: Liesbet Heyvaert

BA & Education (Applied Linguistics), Alexandria University, Egypt (Sep 2002 – May 2006)

- Grade: good (69.3%)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Cognitive-functional, usage-based linguistics
- Statistical language modeling and probabilistic grammars
- Corpus-based historical sociolinguistics
- Synchronic and diachronic variation in syntax and discourse
- Syntax-information structure interface

HONORS & AWARDS

- PhD fellowship in DFG-funded SFB 1102 (Saarland University, Oct 2014 – Present)
- Roger Dillemans Scholarship for academic excellence (KU Leuven, Oct 2013 – Jul 2014)
- First-in-class honors (KU Leuven, Sep 2013)
- Second-in-class honors (Alexandria University, May 2006)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Saarland University (Oct 2014 – Present)

- Compile a diachronic corpus of scientific English covering the period 1665–1869
- Train and evaluate VARD models to normalize historical spelling variation prior to PoS tagging
- Conduct literature reviews and present ongoing research at international conferences
- Maintain and update internal documentation for software tools and meeting protocols

Research Intern, KU Leuven (Feb 2014 – Jun 2014)

- Collect and annotate corpus data on cross-dialectal variation in English verb complementation
- Integrate research findings into a theoretical-descriptive report and a data-based paper

Freelance Copywriter and Editor, Upwork (formerly oDesk) (Feb 2008 – Apr 2012)

- Create sales letters, brochures, flyers, and autoresponder series
- Research and write SEO articles and blog posts for online publication
- Proofread and edit books, technical reports, and website content

Customer Service Advisor and Shift Supervisor, Book Depository (Apr 2007 – Jun 2008)

- Answer enquiries and manage and process customers' orders
- Train and supervise four customer service personnel

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- Khamis, Ashraf. 2015. Cross-dialectal variation in English verb complementation: A multivariate corpus analysis. *The 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC)*, Jul 20–25, 2015. Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- Khamis, Ashraf, Stefania Degaetano-Ortlieb, Hannah Kermes, Jörg Knappen, Noam Ordan & Elke Teich. 2015. A resource for the diachronic study of scientific English: Introducing the Royal Society Corpus. *The 8th International Corpus Linguistics Conference (CL)*, Jul 21–24, 2015. Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.
- Degaetano-Ortlieb, Stefania, Hannah Kermes, Ashraf Khamis & Elke Teich. 2015. Information Density in Scientific Writing: Exploring the SciTex Corpus. *Academic Corpora: Development, Exploration and Application Workshop*, Jul 20, 2015. Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.
- Degaetano-Ortlieb, Stefania, Hannah Kermes, Ashraf Khamis, Jörg Knappen, Noam Ordan & Elke Teich. 2015. Information Density in Scientific Writing: A Diachronic Perspective. *The 42nd International Systemic Functional Congress (ISFC)*, Jul 27–31, 2015. RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany.
- Degaetano-Ortlieb, Stefania, Hannah Kermes, Ashraf Khamis, Jörg Knappen, Noam Ordan & Elke Teich. 2015. The taming of the data: Using text mining in building a corpus for diachronic analysis. *From Data to Evidence (d2e)*, Oct 19–22, 2015. University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Paper

- Cross-dialectal variation in English verb complementation: A multivariate corpus analysis. *The 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC)*, Jul 21, 2015. Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.

Poster

- A resource for the diachronic study of scientific English: Introducing the Royal Society Corpus. *The 8th International Corpus Linguistics Conference (CL)*, Jul 23, 2015. Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.

LANGUAGES

- English: fluent
- Arabic: fluent
- German: basic
- French: basic

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming and markup languages: R, HTML/XML, CSS
- Corpus query tools: CQP/CQL language, CQPweb/BNCweb, BYU Corpora, the Sketch Engine
- Word processor, spreadsheet, desktop publisher: Microsoft Office suite