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EDUCATION

PhD in Applied Linguistics (Oct 2014 – Present)
Dept. of Applied Linguistics, Translation and Interpreting, Saarland University, Germany
- 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 (Sep 2013 – Sep 2014)
Dept. of Linguistics, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 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 (Sep 2012 – Sep 2013)
Dept. of Linguistics & Dept. of Literary Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 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) (Sep 2002 – May 2006)
Dept. of English Language and Literature, Alexandria University, Egypt
- 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)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant in Linguistics (Oct 2014 – Present)
Dept. of Applied Linguistics, Translation and Interpreting, Saarland University, Germany
- 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 prepare manuscripts for publication
- Present ongoing research and interim results at international conferences and workshops
- Maintain and update internal documentation for software tools and meeting protocols

Linguistic Research Intern (Feb 2014 – Jun 2014)
Quantitative Lexicology and Variational Linguistics, Dept. of Linguistics, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 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 (Feb 2008 – Apr 2012)
Upwork (Formerly oDesk), Online Work Platform
- Create sales letters, brochures, flyers, and autoresponder series
- Research and write B2B case studies and SEO articles for online publication
- Proofread and edit books, technical reports, and website content

Customer Service Advisor and Shift Supervisor (Apr 2007 – Jun 2008)
Book Depository, London, UK
- Answer inquiries and manage and process customers' orders
- Train and supervise four customer service personnel

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- B1: *Information Density and Scientific Literacy in English – Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives* in DFG-funded SFB 1102: *Information Density and Linguistic Encoding* (Saarland University, Oct 2014 – Present)
- FWO-funded *Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in varieties of English around the world* (KU Leuven, Feb 2014 – Jun 2014)

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- <u>Khamis, Ashraf.</u> 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.
- <u>Khamis, Ashraf,</u> 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, <u>Ashraf Khamis</u> & 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, <u>Ashraf Khamis,</u> 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, <u>Ashraf Khamis,</u> 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/markup languages: R, HTML/XML, CSS
- Corpus query/analysis tools: CQP/CQL language, CQPweb/BNCweb, BYU Corpora, the Sketch Engine, AntConc
- Word processing/spreadsheet/desktop publishing/presentation software: Microsoft Office suite
- Content management systems/frameworks: WordPress, Joomla, Drupal