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# work Experience

Technical Writer (Sep 2016 – Present)

OMICRON electronics (Klaus, Austria)

* Create, edit, and maintain comprehensive user manuals and online help systems for power system testing equipment
* Interview software/hardware developers and product managers to extract and gather information
* Analyze requirements and determine the information depth and publications needed by customers
* Explore and test software products and recommend improvements to the user interface text
* Adopt a translation-oriented authoring approach by using a translation memory system and a terminology database
* Plan, coordinate, and supervise outsourced documentation and translation projects

Project Researcher (Oct 2014 – Sep 2016)

Dept. of Language Science and Technology, Saarland University (Saarbrücken, Germany)

* Examined the role of information density in the evolution of English scientific writing
* Compiled a diachronic corpus of scientific English covering the period 1665–1869
* Trained and evaluated computational models to normalize historical spelling variation
* Presented ongoing research and interim results at international conferences and workshops
* Maintained wiki-based documentation for literature reviews and software applications

Visiting Researcher (Feb 2016 – Apr 2016)

Fun\*Cog, Dept. of English and American Studies, University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria)

* Analyzed the frequency distribution and information content of modification patterns in the English noun phrase
* Reported on the findings in writing and in a poster session

Research Intern (Feb 2014 – Jun 2014)

Quantitative Lexicology and Variational Linguistics, Dept. of Linguistics, KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)

* Collected, annotated, analyzed, and interpreted corpus data on cross-dialectal variation in English verb complementation
* Integrated findings into a theoretical-descriptive report and a data-based paper

Freelance Copywriter and Editor (Feb 2008 – Apr 2012)

Upwork (Online Work Platform)

* Completed over 70 writing and editing projects for a global client base
* Researched and wrote B2B case studies, white papers, and SEO articles
* Created business website content and managed news aggregation websites
* Edited and proofread technical reports, training manuals, and business and legal books
* Translated between English and Arabic when and as needed

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

Book Depository and Elkotob.com (Alexandria, Egypt)

* Received, managed, and processed customer orders and answered general queries
* Liaised with other departments and suppliers to improve customer experience
* Trained and supervised four customer service personnel

# Education

Master of Advanced Studies, Cognitive and Functional Linguistics (Sep 2013 – Sep 2014)

KU Leuven, Ghent University, Vrije Universiteit Brussel & University of Antwerp (Belgium)

* Grade: magna cum laude
* Thesis: Further and Farther: Competition or Functional Differentiation?

Master of Arts, English Linguistics and Literature (Sep 2012 – Sep 2013)

KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)

* Grade: magna cum laude
* Thesis: Nominal and Verbal Gerunds with Genitive Subjects in Present-Day English: A Comparative Corpus Study

Bachelor of Arts and Education, English (Sep 2002 – May 2006)

Alexandria University (Alexandria, Egypt)

* Grade: good

# Honors & Awards

* “GradUS global” grant for research visits abroad (Saarland University, Feb 2016 – Mar 2016)
* 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)

# Research projects

* B1: Information Density and Scientific Literacy in English – Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives, SFB 1102 (Saarland University, Oct 2014 – Sep 2016)
* Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in varieties of English around the world (KU Leuven, Feb 2014 – Jun 2014)

# Publications

## Papers in Conference Proceedings

* Degaetano-Ortlieb, Stefania, Hannah Kermes, Ashraf Khamis & Elke Teich. In press. An information-theoretic approach to modeling diachronic change in scientific English. In Carla Suhr et al. (eds.), Selected Papers from Varieng – From Data to Evidence (d2e). University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland. Leiden: Brill.
* Degaetano-Ortlieb, Stefania, Hannah Kermes, Ashraf Khamis, Jörg Knappen & Elke Teich. 2016. The Royal Society Corpus: From Uncharted Data to Corpus. In Nicoletta Calzolari et al. (eds.), The Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC) 2016 Proceedings, 1928–1931. Grand Hotel Bernardin Conference Center, Portorož, Slovenia.

## Conference Abstracts & Presentations

* Kermes, Hannah, Stefania Degaetano-Ortlieb, Ashraf Khamis, Jörg Knappen & Elke Teich. 2016. The Royal Society Corpus: Towards a high-quality corpus for studying diachronic variation in scientific writing. Digital Humanities (DH), Jul 11–16, 2016. Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland.
* Degaetano-Ortlieb, Stefania, Hannah Kermes, Ashraf Khamis, 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.
* 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.
* 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.
* 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.
* 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, Jul 20, 2015. Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.

# Languages

* Arabic: native
* English: fluent (near native)
* German: upper intermediate
* French: elementary

# Technical Skills

* Web standards: HTML, CSS
* XML/text editors: XMetaL Author, Notepad++
* Document/word processors: Adobe FrameMaker, Microsoft Word
* Spreadsheet/presentation/desktop publishing: Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher
* Image capture: SnagIt, IrfanView
* Version control: GitHub, Team Foundation Server
* Document management: SharePoint, Google Drive, Dropbox
* Translation management: SDL WorldServer, MultiTerm, globalReview
* Web content management: WordPress, Joomla, Drupal, TYPO3
* Web analytics: Google Analytics, WordPress Stats