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## Research interests

Arabic phonological typology, morphophonology, computational linguistics, speech recognition, prosodic phonology, analogy, phonology-syntax interface, morphological processing

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## Education

- 01/10/2018–12/04/2021 **D.Phil. in Comparative Philology & General Linguistics.**  
St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford.  
THESIS TITLE: *A Phonological Typology of Modern Arabic Varieties*  
SUPERVISOR: Aditi Lahiri. EXAMINERS: Wolfgang de Melo, Elan Dresher.
- 01/10/2016–30/06/2018 **M.Phil. (with distinction) in General Linguistics & Comparative Philology.**  
Worcester College, University of Oxford.  
THESIS TITLE: *Metrical Patterns in Arabic*.  
SUPERVISOR: Aditi Lahiri.
- 01/10/2012–30/06/2016 **B.A. (First Class with Distinction in Spoken Arabic) in Oriental Studies (Arabic with Turkish)**  
Pembroke College, University of Oxford  
Year Abroad Programme at Qasid Institute, Jordan

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## Teaching qualifications

- 26/03/2019 SEDA-PDF Supporting Learning award.  
Mapped to Descriptor 1 of the UK Professional Standards Framework: equivalent to Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

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## Academic employment

- 1/12/2021–present **Postdoctoral Research Assistant**, University of Oxford.
- 12/07/2021–31/08/2022 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, University of Surrey.
- 01/04/2021–30/11/2021 **Outreach Officer**, (for linguistics) University of Oxford.
- 01/10/2021–30/04/2021 **Departmental Lecturer in Phonology**, University of Oxford.
- 01/09/2020–01/01/2022 **Associate Lecturer**, School of Education, Oxford Brookes University.
- 01/10/2018–30/06/2022 **Tutor**, University of Oxford.
- 01/10/2019–30/12/2019 **Tutor for Anthropology of Language**, University of Georgia at Oxford Study Abroad Program.

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## Other relevant experience

- 09/2021–present **Tutor**, Oxford Prospects and Global Development Institute.
- 10/2022–12/2022 **Tutor**, William-Exeter Programme, Oxford.
- 01/2020–06/2020 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Creative Multilingualism Project, University of Oxford.

- 2018–2020 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Language and Brain Lab, University of Oxford.
- 2017 **Graduate Peer Support Co-ordinator**, Worcester College, University of Oxford.
- 2016–2020 **Research Assistant to Dr. Jieun Kiaer**, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford.

## DPhil Research

### Phonological Typology of Modern Arabic Varieties

[phonology]

**OVERVIEW:** My doctoral research explores sixteen modern Arabic varieties to develop a phonological typology of syllable structure, foot structure, and prosodic word formation. My theoretical phonology analysis has shown that asymmetries occur because of what is not permitted, and knowledge of abstract entities such as the catalectic mora is needed to account for the presence and absence of certain patterns. Furthermore, patterns of affixation and their interactions with quantity alternations follow from shared cross-linguistic metrical preferences. I have developed new models of syllable repair and tolerance, and called into question criteria for the affix/clitic distinction and indeed the role of constraints in modern phonological theories.

## Teaching

My teaching experience covers in person and online, small group and tutorial settings, larger classes and lectures, as well as designing tutorial courses and lecture series. All teaching is at Oxford University unless otherwise stated.

I hold a SEDA-PDF Supporting Learning award.

### GRADUATE LEVEL

- 2021 **Advanced Phonology** (lectures – group size: ~20).
- 2021 **Psycholinguistics** (lectures – group size: ~10).
- 2021 **Historical Linguistics** (lectures – group size: ~6).
- 2020–2021 **Phonology Reading Group** (seminars – group size: ~15).
- 2020 **Foundation Course in Phonology** (lectures – group size: ~27).
- 2018–2020 **Foundation Course in Phonology Practicals** (classes – group size: ~20).

### FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE

- 2021 **Dynamic Phonetics** (lectures – group size ~50)
- 2021–2022 **Phonetics and Phonology** (tutorials – group size ~3).
- 2020 **Understanding Language: Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology** (classes – group size: ~16).  
Oxford Brookes first year undergraduate classes
- 2018–2021 **General Linguistics** (tutorials – group size: 2–3).  
An introductory course which covers topics in general linguistics proper, along with psycholinguistics, semantics & pragmatics, sociolinguistics, and historical linguistics.

### IRREGULAR CLASSES

- 2024 **Language in the Brain** (tutorials – group size: 3)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme
- 2023–24 **Introduction to Historical Linguistics** (tutorials – group size: 2–3)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme

- 2023 **Academic Presentation Skills** (lecture – group size: ~30)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme
- 2023 **Language Change and Globalisation** (lecture – group size: ~30)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme
- 2022 **General Linguistics** (tutorials – group size: 2)  
William-Exeter Programme
- 2022 **Introduction to Second Language Acquisition** (tutorials – group size: 2)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme
- 2021–2022 **Introduction to Sociolinguistics** (tutorials – group size: 3)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme
- 2021 **Introduction to Linguistic Theory** (tutorials – group size: 2)  
Oxford Prospects and Global Development Programme
- 2020 **Research Ethics** (lecture – group size: ~27).  
Introduction to Research Ethics and CUREC for the graduate Research Methods class
- 2019 **Anthropology of Language** (tutorials – group size: 1).  
University of Georgia at Oxford Study Abroad Program
- 2019 **Statistics Tutorial for undergraduate student** (tutorial – group size: 1).
- 2016–2017 **Private Arabic Tutor** (tutorials – group size: 1).

## Grants and awards

- 2022 **Recognition under the Oxford University Reward and Recognition Scheme**
- 2021 **Robins Prize from the Philological Society**  
Only awarded to one student every two years for an article on a linguistic topic
- 2018–2020 **ESRC Grand Union DTP Scholarship, Linguistics Pathway**  
Only awarded to one Linguistics candidate per year  
Total Value: £38,373 (fees and living costs for 2 years of D.Phil.).
- 2018–2019 **Faculty of Linguistics Travel Grant**
- 2018 **Worcester College Academic Grant**
- 2018 **Worcester College Prize for Distinction in the MPhil**
- 2015–2026 **Brian Wilson Scholarship in Arabic**  
Only awarded to one Arabic undergraduate candidate per year
- 2013–2016 **Domus Scholarship, Pembroke College**
- 2013 **Qasid Institute Scholarship for Autumn Term of Year Abroad, Jordan**
- 2013 **Joseph Schacht Junior Memorial Prize**

## Service

### TO THE PROFESSION

- Book proposal reviewer Mouton Gruyter (2021)
- Conference Organisation International Conference on Historical Linguistics 25 (2022)
- Workshop Organisation Workshop on Analogy for the International Morphology Meeting (2022)

### TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 2021 **Prelims Assessor for Paper X**, First Year Undergraduate Syntax and Morphology Paper  
Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.
- 2020–2021 **Graduate Admissions Application Assessor**  
Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.
- 2018–2020 **Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer** for degrees involving linguistics, University of Oxford.

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## Scholarship

### Thesis

- 2021 Emily Lindsay-Smith. *A Phonological Typology of Modern Arabic Varieties* D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford.

### Articles

- 2024 **Emily Lindsay-Smith**, Matthew Baerman, Sacha Beniamine, Helen Sims-Williams and Erich Round. *Analogy in Inflection*. Annual Review of Linguistics Vol.10 (1)
- 2024 **Emily Lindsay-Smith**. *Affix not Clitic-based Vowel Shortening in Modern Arabic Varieties*. Transactions of the Philological Society
- Forthcoming** Erich Round and **Emily Lindsay-Smith**. *Analogy in the age of modelling*. Routledge Handbook of Historical Linguistics

### Edited Volumes

- Forthcoming** Holly Kennard, **Emily Lindsay-Smith**, Aditi Lahiri and Martin Maiden (Eds.). *Historical Linguistics 2022: Selected papers from the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Oxford, 1–5 August 2022*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company

### Conference Proceedings

- 2022 Erich Round, Stephen Francis Mann, Sacha Beniamine, **Emily Lindsay-Smith**, Louise Esher and Matt Spike. *Cognition and the Stability of Evolving Complex Morphology: An Agent Based Model*. Proceedings of the Joint Conference on Language Evolution (JCoLE), 635–642.

### Presentations

- Sept, 2022** *Cognition and the Stability of Evolving Complex Morphology: An Agent Based Model*. Erich Round, Stephen Francis Mann, Sacha Beniamine, Emily Lindsay-Smith, Louise Esher and Matt Spike. Poster given at EvoLang 2022
- Sept, 2021** *Revisiting the Phonological Typology of Modern Arabic Varieties*. Talk given at Linguistics Association of Great Britain Conference 2021
- August, 2021** *Challenging the Clitic Status of Arabic Bound Formatives*. Poster presented at the American International Morphology Meeting 5
- June, 2021** *Quantity Alternation in Arabic Syllable Structure Restrictions*. Poster presented at Phonetics and Phonology in Europe 2021
- May, 2021** *Catalexis Revisited*. Joint work with Aditi Lahiri. Talk given at the Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester

**March, 2021** *Non-Exceptional Stress Exceptions: Prosodic Preferences in Arabic Affixes*. Poster presented at the Twentieth Meeting of the Texas Linguistic Society, University of Texas at Austin

**September, 2019** *Arabic Extrametricality and Syllable Patterns*. Talk given at Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf

**May, 2019** *Metrical Patterns in Arabic*. Talk given at Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester

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## Skills

Natural Languages	English (native), Arabic (advanced), Turkish (intermediate), Russian (intermediate), French (intermediate), Latin (intermediate), Ancient Greek (intermediate), German (basic).
Programming	Javascript, React, Python, R, Bash.
Markup	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X/BibT <sub>E</sub> X, HTML/CSS.
Software	Praat, Audacity
Welfare	Peer Support, Mental Health First Aid

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## Professional Memberships

Since 2019	Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB).
Since 2019	Philological Society.

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## Additional Professional Development

2019	SEDA Supporting Learning (Developing Teaching and Learning in the Humanities)
May 2019	Teaching Phonology Workshop at Manchester Phonology Conference
September 2018	Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology Summer School, University of Potsdam
October 2018	Faculty Preparing for Teaching and Learning at Oxford training
January 2018	Software Carpentry Workshop