Thesis Supervisors: Linguistics

(Cognitive Science and Cognitive Semiotics below)

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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Linguistic behavior on social media
- Translation theory and practice (also as product thesis)
- Translation critique
- Text linguistics, discourse analysis, ethnographic linguistics
- Foreign language acquisition
- · Language and evolution
- Psycholinguistics
- Romance and Germanic languages (also in a comparative perspective)
- Grammar studies (e.g. standard vs. non-standard varieties; historical change)

- · Vaccination discourse on Israeli Facebook
- Vaccination discourse on Israeli Facebook
- The discourse of depression on Greek Redit
- Hadetale i danske online-medier
- Anti-vaccinationsdiskursen på danske Twitter
- Høflighed på dansk spørgeskemaundersøgelse
- Creative writing in second language learning (product thesis: textbook and teacher's manual)
- Mnemonic-scaffolding and circular syllabus design and their effect in second language vocabulary learning (Cognitive Semiotics)
- Citatkonditionalis i moderne italiensk talesprog
- Oversættelse og kultur en analyse af kulturbundne elementers gengivelser i en dansk oversættelse af "Il giorno della civetta" af Leonardo Sciascia
- Leksikaliseringsmønstre i oversættelsen teori og praksis. Komparativ undersøgelse af leksikaliseringsmønstre i danske og italienske bevægelsesverber og substantiver
- Oversættelse i teori og praksis med udgangspunkt i egen oversættelse af Enrico Deaglios bog "La banalitá bene" (produktspeciale)
- Dialektiske interferenser i skriftligt italiensk hos padovanske børn. En empirisk undersøgelse



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Phonetics and Phonology
- Bilingualism
- Second-language acquisition
- First-language acquisition
- Language and pre-literacy intervention
- · Language and pre-literacy assessment
- Language acquisition in hearing-impaired

- Perception ved indlæring af nye ord hos danske hørehæmmede førskolebørn: Diskrimination af initiale konsonanter
- Forebyggelse af læsevanskeligheder i børnehavealderen -Evidensbaseret prædiktion og intervention
- En undersøgelse af om Reciprocal Teaching kan forbedre sprogforståelsen i læsning hos tosrpogede elever i de yngre klasser i folkeskolen
- Otitis media og sprogudvikling En kvantitativ undersøgelse af sprogudviklingen hos danske børn i treårsalderen med historik for otitis media
- The Phonological Development in Danish-speaking Children
- Voksne hørehæmmedes identifikation af danske konsonanter i stilhed og støj
- Er piger bare dygtigere? En undersøgelse af kønsforskelle i sproglige kompetencer hos treårige baseret på national sprogvurdering



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Language processing:

- Phonetics/phonology
- Foreign language learning
- Arabic phonology/morphosyntax
- Danish phonology/morphosyntax

Parkinson's disease:

- · Deep brain stimulation (DBS)
- Basal ganglia
- Response inhibition
- Verbal fluency

MEG/EEG:

- · Auditory processing
- M/EEG methods generally speaking
- Experimental design for neuroimaging

More tangentially related topics:

- Musical processing in cochlear implantees
- · Musical feature processing in the brain
- Multimodal (e.g. audio-visual) sensory processing

- Structural priming from arithmetic to language
- Investigating the application of 3D CNNs to whole-brain fNIRS data and transfer learning
- Inconsistencies detected in the processing of human emotional and non-emotional auditory and visual stimuli; an fNIRS study
- Exploring fNIRS and verbal reporting as complementary methods for neuroanthropology research
- Selective action verb impairment in Parkinson's disease patients when reading naturalistic stories
- Impaired action language processing in Parkinson's disease when reading naturalistic texts
- Developing Eye-Cue: Implementing augmented reality cues to relieve freezing of gait in Parkinson's dis- ease - A case study



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Early language development Early childhood interventions
- Quality of the learning environment (daycare/home)
- Early assessment (language, pre-literacy, math, socioemotional skills)
- Professional development (teachers)

- Kvaliteten af børns ordforråd som indikator for senere skoleudvikling
- Fra afprøvning til test. En undersøgelse af otteårige med og uden SLI's færdigheder i præteritumbøjning omsat til praksis
- Børns tilegnelse af tidlig gestik
- Ensartetheden i den danske logopædiske testning med Reynell og Sproglig test 1



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Clinical Linguistics:

- Dyslexia
- · Reading Comprehension
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Working Memory and Language Disorders

Child language development:

- · Phonological development
- · Child-directed speech
- Language development in school-age children

Speech Acoustics:

- Voice quality
- Speech processing
- Modelling prosody in clinical groups

Methods:

- Quantitative Analysis
- Online Experiments
- · Acoustic Analysis
- Meta-Analysis
- Network Analysis
- Experimental Methods

- Kan skærmlæsning optimeres? En undersøgelse af læseoptimerende tiltag og bevidsthedsskabende læsestrategier
- Arbejdshukommelsen og skriftsprogsvanskeligheder Et foreløbigt studie af arbejdshukommelsen hos personer med dysleksi og dyskalkuli
- "Jeg snakker hele tiden, far jeg holder slet ikke pause". En interventionsundersøgelse af et video-SMS-forløb til forældre med børn i vuggestuealderen.
- Vanskeligheder med lokal kohæsion hos studerende med skriftsprogsvanskeligheder
- RAIOO: Redskab til automatisk individuel opsætning af et ordforslagsprogram
- Los, las... ¿y les? Assessing the cognitive effort of gender-neutral language in Spanish role names
- Investigating the role of mouthing in Greek Sign Language, and its relationship with lexical access for congenitally deaf and bimodal adults: An online priming study
- Syntaktisk kompleksitet, arbejdshukommelse og dysleksi i videregående uddannelse
- Authorship Analysis: Document Clustering for Digital Text Forensics
- Does musical training affect the speech perception abilities of cochlear implant users?
- Udvikling Af Stavekompetencer en pilotundersøgelse af dysleksimaterialers effekt i den almene undervisning
- Udvælgende opmærksomhed og kognitiv kontrol hos dyslektiske folkeskolebørn - et kvantitativt studie af ordblindes opgaveløsning, selvregulering og arbejdshukommelsesstrategier
- Læseforståelse og dysleksi på lange videregående uddannelser: En undersøgelse af clozetest-formatet og dets gyldighed som læseforståelsestest på en kontrolgruppe af universitetsstuderende.
- Dyslexia using spelling errors to qualify self-reports



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Interaction
- Conversation analysis
- The grammar of talk-in-interaction
- · Linguistic ethnography
- Ethnographically based studies of language use and interaction more generally
- Video-observation
- · Danish grammar
- · Danish phonetics and phonology
- Interactional linguistics, emergent grammar, construction grammar, dialogic grammar
- Second language acquisition
- Children's interaction
- Discourse analysis, text analysis
- Bilingual, multilingual, plurilingual interaction
- Qualitative sociolinguistics
- Post-structuralist linguistics

- Selv-initieret selv-reparatur i dansk samtalesprog
- Samtaleri: Et dialogbaseret læringsmateriale til undervisning i dansk som andetsprog
- "Camilla brødet er a'så blevet lidt brændt", "super" En undersøgelse af fritstående 'super' i danske samtaler
- At springe ud af skabet en lingvistisk-etnografisk, queerteoretisk undersøgelse af homo- og heteroseksuel identitetsarbejde
- "Man bør stave rigtigt på forsiden" En undersøgelse af ubevidste holdninger til stavefejl på virksomheders hjemmesider
- Samarbejdende børn En lingvistisk etnografisk konservationsanalytisk undersøgelse af sprog og bevægelser i børnehavebørns sociale interaktioner
- Samtalegrammatik i skriftlig online interaktion en digitalsamtaleanalytisk undersøgelse af udvalgte samtalegrammatiske fænomener på facebook
- Æv bæv Et samtaleanalytisk indblik i vurderinger i danske, naturlige samtaler
- Investigating interlanguage and cross-linguistic influence in the foreign language classroom
- The function of the foundation field in Danish talk-in-interaction. On the intersection of information structure, interactional organization and syntactic coordination



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Early written language analysis
- Languages of religious minorities

Examples of theses

An Analysis of Low German administrative texts on the Danish Island of Amager

Note: Basic knowledge of German would be an advantage for any student looking to write in these areas.



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Sociolinguistics
- Anthropological linguistics
- · Historical linguistics
- Contact linguistics
- Pidgins and creoles
- · Amerindian languages
- Genderlects
- Twins' languages
- Language planning and policy
- Multilingualism
- Deaf studies
- Canada
- · Nuristani languages
- Typology
- · Language description

- Fonologisk kompleksitet i dansk en diskussion af det danske lydsystems synkrone og diakrone kompleksitet fra et typologisk perspektiv.
- Sproglig socialisering En lingvistisk etnografisk tilgang til en caseundersøgelse fra en dansk institution med tosprogede børn.
- "Må jeg låne your pencil, please?". The whys and whens of codeswitching in schoolchildren's conversations.
- Rosa Mexicano. The meaning of the Mexiacan Spanish color terms of Oaxaca.
- The spread of English in present Europe: Comparing the popularity of English in different parts of Europe. A survey among volunteers in an international organization.
- African structural continuity in Atlantic creoles: phylogenetic network analysis applied to structural-typological data.
- The performance of femininity in rap lyrics.
- Did the Neanderthals speak? A review of the evidence.
- Kltringelatin. Kryptolekter blandt omrejsende underklassegrupper på landet i Skandinaviuen mellem år 1700 og 1945.
- Linuistic Fieldwork: Experience and tense and aspect system description of a Neo-Aramaic dialect of Diana, Iraq.



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- · Semantics and pragmatics
- · Language typology and variation
- Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning
- Computational Linguistics
- Social media analysis
- · Causality/causal inference modeling
- Sound symbolism
- · Social meaning/sociopragmatics

Examples of theses

See student paper titles resulting from courses/seminars I've taught at AU:

- 2019 Research Workshop Computational Linguistics
 papers: https://aunlp.github.io/LaC20/#!2019 Papers.md
- 2019 Natural Language Processing
 papers: https://aunlp.github.io/LaC20/NLP posters flier.pdf

Some recent theses:

- Improving coreference resolution accuracy on scientific texts using pronoun masking and document segmentation
- Offensive Language Detection in Danish
- Creating NLP tools for analysis of Danish News Data
- Topic Modeling Danish Covid-19 Tweets
- Towards explainable Embeddings: XAI using topic modeling
- EMODa: An Interactive Tool for Emotion Classification in Danish
- How Individual Perceptions & Societal Constructions Affect
 Compliance During COVID-19: A two-fold Methodological Mixed
 Effects Approach
- Empathy and Political Polarization in Coverage of the Black Lives
 Matter Movement: An NLP Approach



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Everyday interaction and interview interaction
- Conversation Analysis
- Video-observation
- · Danish grammar, phonetics and phonology
- Interactional Linguistics
- · Grammar of talk-in-interaction
- Phonetics & phonology
- Interjections and response tokens
- Question and response types, assessing actions
- · Prosody and intonation



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- · Laungage description and documentation
- · Historical & comparative linguistics
- Grammaticalisation
- Linguistic typology
- Cognitive-functional-semiotic grammar
- Sign languages deaf & alternate
- Australian Aboriginal languages
- Khoe languages
- History of linguistics
- Possession
- Interpersonal grammar and joint attention
- Nominal and verbal classification
- Kinship
- · Semantics and pragmatics
- Narrative
- · Spatial language and cognition

- Reta phonology, morphology and syntax. A grammar sketch of a Papuan language of Nusa Tenggara Timur, Eastern Indonesia
- Blumps and twipitts: how native speakers of English perceive sound and symbolic elements in nonsense words
- An initial description of the phonetics and phonology of Kurdish
 Sign Language
- The phonology of Zaachila Zapotec. A segmental and suprasegmental analysis
- ORSUMM recognizes speakers using motor movements
- Typological variation of syntactic roles
- Relationen mellem læsning og hurtig automatisk benævnelse

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Research areas/Areas of supervision

I am interested in the below research topics at the levels of brain & behaviour:

1) Interpersonal synchrony:

How do humans synchronize rhythmic actions such as music with one another?

2) Perception & production of auditory rhythms:

How do humans perceive and produce auditory rhythms?

3) Turn-taking in human communication:

How do humans take turns across different foms of communication (e.g., musical interaction, conversation)?

Methods used:

- Neural: Electroencephalography (EEG)
- Behavioural: MIDI, capacitive sensors, Bela (https://bela.io/)
- Coding: MATLAB/C-shell/C++ (basic)

- Neural and behavioural correlates of musicians' natural frequencies in music (McGill University)
- Endogenous rhythms influence interpersonal synchrony (McGill University)
- Match me if you can: Continuous dynamics of learning to coordinate auditory-motor rhythms with a partner (Central European University)
- Neural entrainment as a mechanism of rhythm processing in music and language (Aarhus University)



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Computational neuroscience
- Predictive coding
- Data science
- Disorders of the mind

- The diagnostic predictiveness of interindividual differences in susceptibility to illusory control
- Inside the triad a computational exploration
- The role of dopamine in a volatile social decision-making task with active inference and a hierarchical Gaussian filter



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- · Experimental semiotics
- · Social cognition
- · Embodied communication
- Joint action
- · Action planning and control
- Joint music performance
- · Shared representations
- Behavioral synchrony
- Social learning

- Dissociating Movement Variability and Speed in Intentional Joint Action Coordination
- Motor Coordination and Task Representations in Joint Action
- Learning Time Coordination in Joint Action and the Effects of Theory of Mind Ability
- Do You Want to Play Piano with Me? A Study on Shared Learning in Music Performance
- Transfer of Learning in Joint Action



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Child language development:

- · Phonological and lexical development
- · Statistical learning of language
- Online sentence processing (intermodal preferential looking)
- SES-related predictors of language development
- Parent-child interactions, child-directed speech

Language processing:

- · Artificial language learning paradigms
- Role of phonetics on language processing
- Phonetic reduction in Danish and psycholinguistic implications

Eye tracking:

 Application of eye tracking to topics in cognitive science/linguistics at large

- Look at me, I'm talking to you: Using eye tracking to investigate meaning extraction in communication
- When fish sell clerks: Linguistic processing in clear and noisy conditions
- The eyes hold important cues to human mate choice
- What makes an art expert? Investigating the effect of briefing on the perception and evaluation of modern art
- Aesthetic perception and evaluation
- Effects of commercials on consumer behavior: An eye-tracking study



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Cumulative cultural evolution, e.g.

- Social learning
- · Cultural transmission chains

Social cognition, e.g.

- Social influence
- Metacognition
- Mentalising
- · Advice-taking

Group decision-making, e.g.

- · Perceptual decision-making
- · Collective intelligence
- Group behaviour
- Wisdom of crowds

Individual differences, e.g.

- Structural neuroimaging
- Behaviour/Domain-generality

Experimental Semiotics, e.g.

- Emerging sign-systems
- Conventionality

Art-Science collaboration projects

• I work in the EER project https://eer.info/

Abstraction in human cognition

 I work in the Traincrease project https://traincrease.uw.edu.pl/en/main/

- The effect of deliberation on metacognitive skills in climate change knowledge: rethinking the wisdom of crowds
- Drawn from memory: Compression in cultural transmission
- Beyond the dyad: Social cognitive mechanisms in larger groups
- Does the Voice Gender Matter for our Decisions?
- Social influence, cognitive processes and how these mechanisms manifest themselves as influencer marketing in the digital world
- Group composition and diversity in collective decision-making:
 recommendations for applications at the workplace
- The impact of colours on the human mind
- Investigating individual differences between social advicetaking and brain structure using diffusion magnetic resonance imaging
- What makes you smart? Examining the role of gray matter density, iron and myelin on intelligence



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Experimental semiotics/pragmatics
- Problem solving
- Dialogue
- Gesture
- · Extended mind
- Language evolution
- Natural Language processing
- Sound symbolism
- Creativity

- What gesture reveals about event conceptualization: An experimental approach to the communication of transitive event structure
- Mapping the lexicon for sound in Danish, Norwegian and English
- Informational Synergies in the HCRC map task corpus
- Environmental Constraints on Cultural Conversations: A Case Study of Linguistic
- Coordination in Joint Problem Solving. A multidisciplinary
 Approach to Reconstructing Communicative Abilities in Our Genus
- The Linguistic Relativity of Synesthetic Pitch Metaphors



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Consciousness, awareness and attention:

- How to measure subjective experience
- · Neural correlates of consciousness

Electro- and magnetoencephalography:

- Somatosensation
- Visual perception
- · Sensory expectation
- · The cerebellum
- Parkinson's Disease
- On-scalp magnetoencephalography
- Source reconstruction

Programming pipelines:

- MATLAB
- Python

Tangentially related topics:

- Primate cognition
- · Mixed models fitting and machine learning
- · Philosophy of Mind

- Hjernens signalstoffer og aktivitet hos personer med muskelkraftnedsættelse, betydning for diagnostik og udvikling af hjælpemidler
- Breathing in the Brain: A computational approach
- Random Matrix theory based denoising of redundant neuroimaging data
- Expectation-related activity in the cerebellum during somatosensory perception
- · Selective Auditory Attention and the Influence of Expertise
- Perceptuel bevidsthed i henhold til detektions- samt diskriminationsopgaver
- Cortical alpha waves as a neural correlate of attention



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- Electrophysiology (EEG/MEG)
- Sense of agency
- · Volition/free will
- Consciousness
- Machine learning
- · Social robots



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Examples of theses

Cognitive Development:

- Play & Playfulness
- Play across development
- Cognitive models of play
- · Play fightning
- Risky play / adventurous play
- Exploratory play
- Enjoyment
- Animal play
- Playing with fear / recreational fear / horror media

Cognitive Science of Religion:

- Religious experiences
- Divination
- Agency Detection

Methods:

- Mobile Eye Tracking
- Heart rate (light, unobstrusive setup, Firstbeat. Bodyguard 2)
- Virtual Reality



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Quantitative approaches to areas in the vicinity of

Brain and body:

- · Cognitive neuroscience
- Basic physiology and cognition (heart rate, respiration, hormones, sleep, etc.)

Language and mind:

- Lateralization in language, brain and behavior
- Language and attention/space
- Language as a window to personality
- The inner voice and self-talk in relation to cognition, mood and personality

Sound and fury:

- Emotion & mood
- · Music and sound processing

Sex and gender:

• Sex and gender differences in language, brain and behavior

- · Revisiting the Bayesian Model for Novel Word Learning
- Objects as Signs an experimental study.
- Does it sound alive? auditorily perceived cues of animacy
- Dilated Pupils As an Attractor of Visual Attention: an Eye Tracking Study
- Music and meaning- making. The effects of music in cross- modal domains
- Beskrivelse og praktisk afprøvning af forventningsopbygning i musik og hjerne med fokus på ""Mismatch Negativity"" MMN
- When Depression Speaks A Computational Analysis of Quantitative
 Differences in Word Frequencies Between Danish Individuals with
 First-Episode Major Depressive Disorder and Healthy Controls
- What does the inner voice do? Self-regulation in sport and cognitive psychology



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

- · Meaning-making in Art and Perception
- Meaning-making in Art and Language Theories of Text Types and Genres
- Topics in Cognitive Linguistics/Semiotics at large
- Philosophy of Mind and Theories of Consciousness
- Communicational strategies at large (adds, brands, framing, and discourse)

- Political Communication Framing and Conceptual Metaphor (thesis is in danish)
- Synthesizing Ritualized Behavior and Religious Cognition
- Din Hjerne på Reklamer Hvorfor nogle reklamebilleder er mere fængende end andre?
- Morality as Purity Studying Moral Cognition from the Perspective of Conceptual Metaphor Theory and Moral Psychology
- Meaning-making in literary art: A cognitive semiotic study on simultaneous narration
- Perception and Representation of Motion, Time, Sound, and Symbols in Comics
- Poesiens styrmand Om Klaus Høecks poetik og kybernetik
- En kognitiv tilgang til visuel kunst
- Framing, narratives, and conceptual metaphors as propaganda techniques for psychological and informational warfare



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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Social interactions (free and task-oriented):

- · Quantitative corpus analysis
- · Experimental investigations
- Agent based models

Language, Voice, Gesture and Movement in:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Schizophrenia
- Affective disorders (Depression, Bipolar)

Language acquisition

- · Corpus analysis (e.g. Childes)
- · Lexical networks
- · Child Directed Speech
- · Turn-taking

Computational cognitive modeling

- e.g. Models of information integration in social contexts
- e.g. Implementation and validation of cognitive models in a probabilistic framewok (Stan)

Natural Language Processing (e.g. large corpora of transcripts, or social media)

- · Speech processing
- Interactive alignment

Examples of theses

- Børnetilrettet tale på dansk En undersøgelse af de akustiske parametre
- Automated diagnostic tools for depression: natural language processing of life histories in people with depression and controls.
- Linguistic alignment: a meta-analytic approach

List of currently available project ideas:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tlIHV0-

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Research areas/Areas of supervision

Cognitive, corpus-based and computational approaches to:

- · Style, register, and genre
- Rhetoric
- Meaning construction
- · Narrative comprehension
- Discourse processing

Natural language processing, particularly in the following areas:

- Low-resource languages
- · Historical language data
- Literary texts
- Lexical semantics

Computer vision and image processing applied to cultural data:

- Digital art history
- Visual culture (memes, advertising, etc)
- OCR (extracting text from images)

General topics in digital humanities and social science using:

- Network analysis
- Applyed deep learning methods
- Mixed-method approaches combining text and image data

Examples of theses

Investigating the performance of contemporary Danish NLP models on 19th century Danish language text