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## Research Experience

### University of Aberdeen

PERMANENT LECTURER (=ASSISTANT PROF.) IN NLP AT THE COMPUTING SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Leading the WeNLP4Science Research Group

Scotland

since 01/2024

### Heidelberg University

LECTURER IN NLP AT THE INSTITUTE FOR COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

- Invited by Katja Markert since 10/2025

Germany

since 10/2024

### Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies

POSTDOC IN NLP AT THE HITS LAB

- Invited by Michael Strube

Germany

01/2022 – 12/2023

### Heidelberg University

POSTDOC IN GEOMETRIC MACHINE LEARNING AT THE GEOMETRY + DYNAMICS RESEARCH STATION

- Advisor: Anna Wienhard

Germany

03/2022 – 12/2023

### University of Copenhagen

PHD INTERN AT THE COPENLU RESEARCH GROUP

- Advisor: Isabelle Augenstein

Denmark

01/2020 – 02/2020

### University of Mannheim

PHD INTERN AT THE DATA AND WEB SCIENCE GROUP

- Advisor: Goran Glavaš

Germany

09/2019 – 11/2019

### Technical University of Darmstadt

PHD STUDENT IN NLP AT THE AIPHES RESEARCH TRAINING GROUP

- Advisor: Steffen Eger
- Dissertation: On the Principles of Evaluation for Natural Language Generation

Germany

09/2018 – 12/2022

### Nanyang Technological University

RESEARCH INTERN IN NLP AT THE COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE LAB

- Advisor: Erik Cambria

Singapore

07/2018 – 08/2018

## Research Projects

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| 2025      | <b>Collaborative Scientific Research and Discovery with AI</b> , Aberdeen Research Catalyst Grant, PI                                      |
| 2025–2026 | <b>Automatic Induction of Oxford English Dictionary Updates</b> , OpenAI Researcher Access Program, PI                                     |
| 2025–2026 | <b>Evaluation of Gemma 3 as a Multimodal Sign-to-Spoken Translation Model</b> , Google Cloud, PI   |
| 2024–2025 | <b>Al-Āmīyah (Colloquial Arabic) and Generative AI – a snapshot of its emerging text-to-text abilities</b> , Royal Society Edinburgh, Co-I |
| 2024–2025 | <b>Temporal Evaluation for PaliGemma in Visual Question Answering</b> , Google Cloud, PI   |
| 2022–2023 | <b>Languages Across Time and Space</b> , Young Marsilius Fellowship, Heidelberg University   |
| 2022–2023 | <b>Geometry and Representation Learning</b> , Postdoc project, Klaus Tschira Foundation  |
| 2020      | <b>Multi3Generation: Multi-task, Multilingual, Multi-modal Language Generation</b> , Short-Term Scientific Mission, COST Action            |
| 2018–2021 | <b>AIPHES: Adaptive Preparation of Information from Heterogeneous Sources</b> , PhD project, German Research Foundation                    |

## Academic Education

**Technical University of Darmstadt**

PHD IN NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

Germany

**University of Chinese Academy of Sciences**

MASTER IN COMPUTING SCIENCE

China

**Fudan University**

BACHELOR IN LINGUISTICS AND COMPUTING SCIENCE

China

## Other Training Activities

- 2025 **Early Career Researcher Development**, University of Aberdeen
- 2024 **Deep Dive Session on the Profile of an ERC Candidate**, University of Aberdeen
- 2024 **EU Horizon Europe-Funding Opportunities in Pillar II**, University of Aberdeen
- 2024 **Advance HE Fellowship**, University of Aberdeen
- 2022 **Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS)**, Max Planck Institute in Tübingen
- 2019 **Athens Natural Language Processing Summer School (AthenNLP)**, NCSR-Demokritos in Athens, Greece

## Awards

- 10/2025 **TMLR J2C Certification (10% of accepted TMLR papers)**, Normed Spaces for Graph Embedding
- 04/2025 **NAACL Outstanding Paper Award**, How Good Are LLMs for Literary Translation, Really? Literary Translation Evaluation with Humans and LLMs
- 2019 **NAACL Outstanding Reviewer Award**,

## Fellowships and Grants

- 2025–2026 **Computing Grant**, Google Cloud \$10,000, PI
- 2025 **Sponsorship**, Artificial Intelligence Journal \$2,000, PI
- 2025 **Research Catalyst Funding**, University of Aberdeen £10,000, PI
- 2025–2026 **OpenAI Researcher Access Program**, OpenAI \$1,000, PI
- 2024–2025 **Computing Grant**, Google Cloud \$5,000, PI
- 2024–2025 **Research Collaboration Grant**, Royal Society of Edinburgh £10,000, Co-I
- 2024 **Starting Grant**, University of Aberdeen £5,000
- 2022–2023 **Young Marsilius Fellowship**, Universität Heidelberg €5,000
- 2022–2023 **Postdoctoral Funding**, Klaus Tschira Foundation
- 2020 **Short-Term Scientific Mission**, COST Action (CA18231) €3,500
- 2018–2021 **PhD Funding (AIPHES-GRK)**, German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2017–2019 **Travel Grants**, SIGIR, IJCAI, EurNLP, AthenNLP

## Publications

*Google Scholar Bibliometrics:*

*citations: 3082; h-index: 23; i10-index: 33*

*CORE Conference Ranking: 17 A\* and 4 A conference articles*

*First authorship (citations: 2048): 13 articles, 2 US patents*

*Last authorship: 7 articles*

### PREPRINT ARTICLES

Steffen Eger, Yong Cao, Jennifer D'Souza, Andreas Geiger, Christian Greisinger, Stephanie Gross, Yufang Hou, Brigitte Krenn, Anne Lauscher, Yizhi Li, Chenghua Lin, Nafise Sadat Moosavi, **Wei Zhao**, Tristan Miller. Transforming Science with Large Language Models: A Survey on AI-Assisted Scientific Discovery, Experimentation, Content Generation, and Evaluation. Preprint, arXiv:2502.05151

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| Journal article                  | 9         |
| Dissertation                     | 1         |
| Peer-reviewed conference article | 24        |
| Peer-reviewed workshop article   | 11        |
| Preprint article                 | 3         |
| US patent                        | 2         |
| Others                           | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>51</b> |

Yanran Chen, **Wei Zhao**, Anne Breitbarth, Manuel Stoeckel, Alexander Mehler, Steffen Eger. Syntactic Language Change in English and German: Metrics, parsers, and convergences.” arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.11549

Lyu Tianwen, Xiang Zhuang, Keyan Ding, Xinzhe Cao, Lei Liang, **Wei Zhao**, Qiang Zhang, and Huajun Chen. Knowledge-Augmented Long-CoT Generation for Complex Biomolecular Reasoning. arXiv preprint arXiv:2511.08024

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE ARTICLES

Bhatia, Gagan, Maxime Peyrard, and **Wei Zhao**. Date Fragments: A Hidden Bottleneck of Tokenization for Temporal Reasoning. In Proceedings of the 2025 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2025)

Ran Zhang, **Wei Zhao**, Lieve Macken, and Steffen Eger. TRANSPROQA: An LLM-based literary TRANSLation Evaluation Metric with PROfessional Question Answering. In Proceedings of the 2025 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2025)

Ran Zhang, **Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger. How Good Are LLMs for Literary Translation, Really? Literary Translation Evaluation with Humans and LLMs. In Proceedings of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL 2025)

Xianghe Ma, Michael Strube, **Wei Zhao**. Graph-based Clustering for Detecting Semantic Change Across Time and Languages. In Proceedings of the 18th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL 2024)

**Wei Zhao**, Michael Strube, Steffen Eger. DiscoScore: Evaluating Text Generation with BERT and Discourse Coherence. In Proceedings of the 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL 2023)

**Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger. Constrained Density Matching and Modeling for Cross-Lingual Alignment of Contextualized Representations. In Asian Conference on Machine Learning, pp. 1245-1260. PMLR (ACML 2023)

**Wei Zhao**, Federico Lopez, J. Maxwell Riestenberg, Michael Strube, Diaaeldin Taha, Steve Trettel. Modeling Graphs Beyond Hyperbolic: Graph Neural Networks in Symmetric Positive Definite Matrices. In Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD 2023)

Maxime Peyrard, **Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger, Robert West. Better than Average: Paired Evaluation of NLP systems. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2021)

Marvin Kaster, **Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger. Global Explainability of BERT-Based Evaluation Metrics by Disentangling along Linguistic Factors. In Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2021)

**Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger, Johannes Bjerva, Isabelle Augenstein. Inducing Language-Agnostic Multilingual Representations. In Proceedings of \*SEM 2021: The Tenth Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics (\*SEM 2021)

**Wei Zhao**, Goran Glavaš, Maxime Peyrard, Yang Gao, Robert West, Steffen Eger. On the Limitations of Cross-lingual Encoders as Exposed by Reference-Free Machine Translation Evaluation. In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2020)

Yang Gao, **Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger. SUPERT: Towards New Frontiers in Unsupervised Evaluation Metrics for Multi-Document Summarization. In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2020)

**Wei Zhao**, Maxime Peyrard, Fei Liu, Yang Gao, Christian M. Meyer, Steffen Eger. MoverScore: Text Generation Evaluating with Contextualized Embeddings and Earth Mover Distance. In Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2019)

- Wei Zhao**, Haiyun Peng, Steffen Eger, Erik Cambria, Min Yang. Towards Scalable and Reliable Capsule Networks for Challenging NLP Applications. In Proceedings of the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2019)
- Chunpu Xu, **Wei Zhao**, Min Yang, Xiang Ao, Wangrong Cheng, Jinwen Tian. A Unified Generation-Retrieval Framework for Image Captioning. In Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management, (CIKM 2019)
- Zeyang Lei, Yujiu Yang, Min Yang, **Wei Zhao**, Jun Guo, Yi Liu. A Human-Like Semantic Cognition Network for Aspect-Level Sentiment Classification. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, (AAAI 2019)
- Min Yang, Qiang Qu, Ying Shen, Qiao Liu, **Wei Zhao**, Jia Zhu. Aspect and Sentiment Aware Abstractive Review Summarization. In Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2018)
- Wei Zhao**, Benyou Wang, Jianbo Ye, Yongqiang Gao, Min Yang, Xiaojun Chen. PLASTIC: Prioritize Long and Short-Term Information in Top-n Recommendation Using Adversarial Training. In Proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2018)
- Wei Zhao**, Benyou Wang, Jianbo Ye, Min Yang, Zhou Zhao, Ruotian Luo, Yu Qiao. A Multi-Task Learning Approach for Image Captioning. In Proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2018)
- Wei Zhao**, Jianbo Ye, Min Yang, Zeyang Lei, Suofei Zhang, Zhou Zhao. Investigating Capsule Networks with Dynamic Routing for Text Classification. In Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2018)
- Wei Zhao**, Jia Zhu, Min Yang, Danyang Xiao, Gabriel Pui Cheong Fung, Xiaojun Chen. A Semi-Supervised Network Embedding Model for Protein Complexes Detection. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Student Abstract (AAAI 2018)
- Wei Zhao**, Wei Xu, Min Yang, Jianbo Ye, Zhou Zhao, Yabing Feng, Yu Qiao. Dual Learning for Cross-Domain Image Captioning. In Proceedings of the 2017 ACM Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2017)
- Min Yang, Zhou Zhao, **Wei Zhao**, Xiaojun Chen, Jia Zhu, Lianqiang Zhou, Zigang Cao. Personalized Response Generation via Domain Adaptation. In Proceedings of the 40th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2017)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Christoph Leiter, Piyawat Lertvittayakumjorn, Marina Fomicheva, **Wei Zhao**, Yang Gao, Steffen Eger. Towards Explainable Evaluation Metrics for Natural Language Generation. In Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR 2024)
- Diaaeldin Taha, **Wei Zhao**, J Maxwell Riestenberg, Michael Strube. Normed Spaces for Graph Embedding. In Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR 2024)
- Yang Li, **Wei Zhao**, Erik Cambria, Suhang Wang, Steffen Eger. Graph Routing Between Capsules. Neural Networks (2021): 345-354
- Suofei Zhang, **Wei Zhao**, Xiaofu Wu, Quan Zhou. Fast Dynamic Routing Based on Weighted Kernel Density Estimation. Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience 33, no. 15 (2021)
- Qingnan Jiang, Lei Chen, **Wei Zhao**, Min Yang. Toward Aspect-Level Sentiment Modification Without Parallel Data. IEEE Intelligent Systems 36, no. 1 (2021)
- Min Yang, **Wei Zhao**, Lei Chen, Qiang Qu, Zhou Zhao, Ying Shen. Investigating the Transferring Capability of Capsule Networks for Text Classification. Neural Networks 118 (2019): 247-261
- Wei Zhao**, Benyou Wang, Min Yang, Jianbo Ye, Zhou Zhao, Xiaojun Chen, Ying Shen. Leveraging Long and Short-Term Information in Content-Aware Movie Recommendation via Adversarial Training. IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics 50, no. 11 (2019)
- Min Yang, **Wei Zhao**, Wei Xu, Yabing Feng, Zhou Zhao, Xiaojun Chen, Kai Lei. Multitask Learning for Cross-Domain Image Captioning. IEEE Transactions on Multimedia 21, no. 4 (2018)
- Min Yang, Yuzhi Liang, **Wei Zhao**, Wei Xu, Jia Zhu, Qiang Qu. Task-Oriented Keyphrase Extraction From Social Media. Multimedia Tools and Applications (2018)

## PEER-REVIEWED WORKSHOP ARTICLES

Ying Xuan Loke, Dominik Schlechtweg, **Wei Zhao**. ABDN-NLP at CoMeDi Shared Task: Predicting the Aggregated Human Judgment via Weighted Few-Shot Prompting. In Proceedings of Context and Meaning: Navigating Disagreements in NLP Annotation, 2025

Dominik Schlechtweg, Tejaswi Chopra, **Wei Zhao**, Michael Roth. CoMeDi Shared Task: Median Judgment Classification & Mean Disagreement Ranking with Ordinal Word-in-Context Judgments. In Proceedings of Context and Meaning: Navigating Disagreements in NLP Annotation, 2025

Pauline Sander, Simon Hengchen, **Wei Zhao**, Xiaocheng Ma, Emma Sköldbberg, Shafqat Virk, Dominik Schlechtweg. The DUREL Annotation Tool: Using fine-tuned LLMs to discover non-recorded senses in multiple languages. In Proceedings of the Large Language Models and Lexicography, 2024

Melis Çelikkol, Lydia Körber, **Wei Zhao**. Exploring Diachronic and Diatopic Changes in Dialect Continua: Tasks, Datasets and Challenges. In Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Historical Language Change, 2024

Siqi He, **Wei Zhao**. Exploring Sound Change Over Time: A Review of Computational and Human Perception. In Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Historical Language Change, 2024

Xianghe Ma, Dominik Schlechtweg, **Wei Zhao**. Presence or Absence: Are Unknown Word Usages in Dictionaries? In Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Historical Language Change, 2024

Gregor Geigle, Jonas Stadtmüller, **Wei Zhao**, Jonas Pfeiffer, Steffen Eger. TUDA at WMT21: Sentence-Level Direct Assessment with Adapters. In Proceedings of the Sixth Conference on Machine Translation, 2021

Marina Fomicheva, Piyawat Lertvittayakumjorn, **Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger, Yang Gao. The Eval4NLP Shared Task on Explainable Quality Estimation: Overview and Results. In Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison of NLP Systems, 2021

Haixia Chai, **Wei Zhao**, Steffen Eger, Michael Strube. Evaluation of Coreference Resolution Systems Under Adversarial Attacks. In Proceedings of the First Workshop on Computational Approaches to Discourse, 2020

Gao Yang, Steffen Eger, **Wei Zhao**, Piyawat Lertvittayakumjorn, Marina Fomicheva. In Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison of NLP Systems, 2021

Steffen Eger, Yang Gao, Maxime Peyrard, **Wei Zhao**, Eduard Hovy. In Proceedings of the First Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison of NLP Systems, 2020

## US PATENTS

**Wei Zhao**, Yabing Feng, Liao Yu, Junbin Lai, Haixia Chai, Xuanliang Pan, and Lichun Liu. Machine Learning Model Training Method and Apparatus, Server, and Storage Medium. U.S. Patent No. 11,531,841, issued December 20, 2022.

**Wei Zhao**, Yabing Feng, Liao Yu, Junbin Lai, Haixia Chai, Xuanliang Pan, and Lichun Liu. Data Processing Method and Device, Classifier Training Method and System, and Storage Medium. U.S. Patent No. 11,860,976, issued January 2, 2024.

## DISSERTATION

**Wei Zhao**. On the Principles of Evaluation for Natural Language Generation. Technische Universität Darmstadt, 2023

## OTHERS

**Wei Zhao** and other 11 Marsilius Fellows. Marsilius College 2022/2023 on Crossing Through Space and Time, Heidelberg University

## Invited Talks and Tutorials \_\_\_\_\_

- 10/2025 **Transforming Science with Large Language Models**, Telecom Paris and Vienna University of Technology
- 07/2025 **AI-assisted Scientific Discovery, Experimentation, Content Generation, Evaluation**, IT:U Summer School 2025, Linz, Austria
- 05/2025 **Large Language Models for Scientific Research**, Leipzig University, Germany
- 04/2025 **Temporal Reasoning with Large Language Models: From Text to Multimodal Content**, A\*STAR and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- 04/2025 **Large Language Models for Cross-Temporal Research**, Aalborg University, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 09/2024 **Automatic Dictionary Induction**, Oxford University Press
- 09/2024 **Towards the Temporal Grounding of Conversational Information Retrieval**, University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde
- 06/2024 **A Pathway from Language Change to Computational Lexicography**, University of Stuttgart, University of Mannheim, and Université Grenoble Alpes

## Organising Committee

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- 2025 **The 1st Towards Human-LLM Collaboration for Ethical and Responsible Science Production Workshop**, IJCNLP-AACL 2025, Primary Organiser
- 2025 **The 1st LLMs for Cross-Temporal Research Workshop**, COLM 2025, Primary Organiser
- 2025 **The 1st Context and Meaning: Navigating Disagreements in NLP Annotation Shared Task**, COLING 2025, Organiser
- 2021 **The 2nd Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison for NLP systems (Eval4NLP)**, EMNLP 2021, Organiser
- 2020 **The 1st Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison for NLP systems (Eval4NLP)**, EMNLP 2020, Organiser

## Area Chairing

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- 2025 **ACL Rolling Review**, May 2025
- 2025 **ACL Rolling Review**, February 2025
- 2025 **The 29th Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)**, April 2025
- 2025 **The 31st International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)**, September 2024

## Grant Proposal Reviewing

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- since 2024 **Leverhulme Trust**, UK
- since 2024 **The International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF)**, UK
- since 2024 **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)**, UK

## Others

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- 2025 **Committee Member for Best Paper Award**, CoNLL 2025
- 2024 **Committee Member for Best PhD Thesis**, Scottish Informatics and Computer Science Alliance

## University Internal Services

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- since 2025 **Research Ethics Officer**, University of Aberdeen
- since 2024 **Erasmus Programme Officer**, University of Aberdeen
- since 2024 **Personal Tutor of Students**, University of Aberdeen

## Teaching Experience

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## Supervision

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| Code         | Course title                | Type        | University | Students | When    | Hours     | Degree    |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| CS4051       | Natural Language Processing | Instruction | Aberdeen   | 60–70    | 2024–25 | 5H/week   | BSC       |
| CS5063       | Evaluation of AI Systems    | Instruction | Aberdeen   | 30–40    | 2024–26 | 6H/week   | MSC       |
| diacIms-ws23 | Diachronic Language Models  | Seminar     | Heidelberg | 15–20    | 2023–24 | 1.5H/week | BSC & MSC |
| diacIms-ws24 | Diachronic Language Models  | Project     | Heidelberg | 5–10     | 2024–25 | 0.5H/week | BSC & MSC |
| xtempnlp     | Cross-Temporal NLP          | Seminar     | Heidelberg | 20–30    | 2025–26 | 1.5H/week | BSC & MSC |
| CS551P       | Advanced Programming        | Instruction | Aberdeen   | 30–40    | 2024–25 | 6H/week   | MSC       |
| CS551N       | Introduction to Programming | Instruction | Aberdeen   | 20–30    | 2024–26 | 6H/week   | MSC       |

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| PhD Thesis                          | 2           | 0         |
| MSC Thesis                          | 2           | 9         |
| — of which with ensuing publication |             | 2         |
| BSC Thesis                          | 4           | 3         |
| — of which with ensuing publication |             | 1         |

### PhD Ongoing Theses

- since 2025 **Yujun Wang**, Knowledge Conflicts in Science, University of Aberdeen
- since 2024 **Ran Zhang**, Evaluation of LLMs for Machine Translation, University of Mannheim, partially co-supervised w/ Steffen Eger
- since 2026 **Owusu-Banahene Osei**, LLMs for Science, University of Aberdeen

### BSC Thesis Supervision and Ensuing Publications

- 2026 **Nusrath Jinnath**, Safety evaluation of LLMs, University of Aberdeen
- 2026 **Ishaq Ali**, Community conflicts in Machine Translations, University of Aberdeen
- 2026 **Carlos Gomez Aryoshi**, LLMs for forecasting, University of Aberdeen
- 2026 **Nathan Begley**, LLMs for idea generation in non-English languages, University of Aberdeen
- 2025 **Niklas Lough**, Large Language Models for Time-series Forecasting, University of Aberdeen
- 2025 **Shu Fan Sun**, Public Perception of AI use for Translation, University of Aberdeen
- 2025 **Ying Xuan Loke**, Context and Meaning: Navigating Disagreements in NLP Annotations, University of Aberdeen
  - **Publication:** Ying Xuan Loke, Dominik Schlechtweg, and Wei Zhao: ABDN-NLP at CoMeDi Shared Task: Predicting the Aggregated Human Judgment via Weighted Few-Shot Prompting, Proceedings of Context and Meaning: Navigating Disagreements in NLP Annotation, pp. 122–128, 2025.

### MSC Thesis Supervision and Ensuing Publications

- 2025 **Roshani Pawar**, Vocabulary Through Time: Identifying Temporal Patterns in Pretraining Data, University of Aberdeen
- 2025 **Ahmad Isa**, Cross-lingual Temporal Biases in LLMs, University of Aberdeen
- 2025 **Owusu-Banahene Osei**, Generation and Evaluation for Multimodal Scientific Content, University of Aberdeen
- 2025 **Pavan Rajesh**, Evaluation of AI Misuse in Scientific Publications, University of Aberdeen
- 2024 **Xiaocheng Ma**, Automatic Generation and Summarization of Dictionary Word Senses, University of Aberdeen
- **Publication:** Pauline Sander, Simon Hengchen, Wei Zhao, Xiaocheng Ma, Emma Sköldbberg, Shafqat Virk, and Dominik Schlechtweg. "The dural annotation tool." Large Language Models and Lexicography (2024).
- 2025 **Lydia Körber**, Sense-level Bilingual Dictionary Induction, Heidelberg University
- 2025 **Melis Çelikkol**, Semantic Change from Spoken to Sign Languages, Heidelberg University
- 2025 **Zahra Hashemi**, From Ideation to Safeguarding: An AI Safety Framework for Malicious Research Proposal Generation with LLMs, University of Luxembourg
- 2023 **Xianghe Ma**, Graph-based Modeling of Temporal and Spatial Dynamics for Semantic Change, Heidelberg University
- **Publication:** Xianghe Ma, Michael Strube, and Wei Zhao: Graph-based Clustering for Detecting Semantic Change Across Time and Languages, Proceedings of the 18th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), 2024.
  - **Publication:** Xianghe Ma, Dominik Schlechtweg, and Wei Zhao: Presence or Absence: Are Unknown Word Usages in Dictionaries?, Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Historical Language Change, 2024

## Media

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- 05/2025 **QA-Based Evaluation Takes on Literary AI Translation,** *Slator*  
<https://slator.com/qa-based-evaluation-takes-on-literary-ai-translation>
- 10/2024 **Large Language Models No Match for Humans in Literary Translation,** *Slator*  
<https://slator.com/large-language-models-no-match-for-humans-in-literary-translation-study-finds/>

## PhD Committee

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- 01/2026 **Formal Controls over Language Models**, Yingji Zhang, University of Manchester
- 03/2026 **Unsubmitted**, Iniakpokeikiye Thompson, University of Aberdeen