# Irene Winther

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## EDUCATION

# University of Edinburgh

Ph.D. in Natural Language Processing

September 2019 –

• Advisors: Martin Pickering and Yevgen Matusevych

M.Sc. Psychology of Language, Distinction

2016 - 2017

• Advisor: Martin Pickering

• Thesis: "The Effect of Semantic Constraint on Lexical Access in Bilingual Word Recognition"

#### School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Erasmus+ Exchange Programme, GPA: 76/100

2015 - 2016

## Norwegian University of Science and Technology

B.A. in Foreign Languages with specialization in English, GPA: 4/5

2013 - 2016

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Frank, S., Hinaut, X., Kaan, E., Khoe, Y. H., Chen, L., Winther, I. E., & Matusevych, Y. (2022). Bilingual sentence processing: When models meet experiments. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Winther, I. E., Matusevych, Y., & Pickering, M. J. (2022). Can learning explain cognate effects in bilingual comprehension and production? Manuscript submitted for publication.

Winther, I. E., Matusevych, Y., & Pickering, M. J. (2021). Cumulative frequency can explain cognate facilitation in language models. In T. Fitch, C. Lamm, H. Leder, & K. Teßmar-Raible (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2513–2519). Cognitive Science Society. [Paper] [Poster].

### TEACHING

# University of Edinburgh

• Marker, Demonstrator – Data Analysis for Psychology in R1 (PSYL08013)

2021/22

• Marker – Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R (PSYL11053)

Autumn 2021

# Presentations

Word frequency effects in bilingual language models

30 July 2022

Talk, symposium on Bilingual Sentence Processing: when Models Meet Experiments, CogSci 2022

Toronto, Canada

Cumulative frequency can explain cognate facilitation in language models

5 April 2022

Cumulative frequency can explain cognate facilitation in language models

Talk, Language and Cognition Research Group, Cardiff University

29 July 2021

Poster presentation, CogSci 2021

28 April 2021

Cognate facilitation in computational language models Talk, Psycholinguistics Coffee, University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, United Kingdom (online due to covid-19)

Cardiff, United Kingdom (online due to covid-19)

Vienna, Austria (online due to covid-19)

# SERVICE

### Organizer

## Psycholinguistics Coffee

2020 - 2021

Changed format to virtual talks during covid-19. Organized and moderated talks, invited speakers, set up and maintained new website and Twitter-account.

# CDT-NLP Reading Group

2019 - 2021

January 2022

Organized a reading group for members of the CDT in NLP at the School of Informatics.

# FURTHER TRAINING

• PPLS Inclusive Teaching Training Workshop Equality, Diversity and Inclusion workshop

University of Edinburgh July 2016

• Trieste Encounters on Cognitive Science Summer school/symposium

International School for Advanced Studies, Trieste

## LANGUAGES

- Norwegian fluent
- Finnish fluent
- English fluent
- Swedish fluent
- German intermediate
- Italian beginner
- Persian beginner

# Programming Languages

- R advanced
- $\bullet$  **jsPsych** intermediate
- Python intermediate
- LaTeX intermediate