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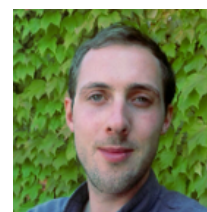
ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-	Lecturer in Linguistics, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics	**[current]**
2018-	Associated Research Fellow in Linguistics Zukunftskolleg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz	**[current]**
2016-2018	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Linguistics Zukunftskolleg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz (PI for *Fragments of Discourse* project)	
2018	Acting Professor (W2) in English Linguistics (0.5 FTE) Department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz	
2015-2016	Instructor in English Linguistics (0.5 FTE) Department of Languages, Literature and Communication, Utrecht University	
2011-2015	Promovendus in Theoretical Linguistics Centre for Language and Cognition, University of Groningen	

EDUCATION

2015   PhD in Linguistics, University of Groningen

Thesis advisors:	Prof. Jan-Wouter Zwart & Dr. Mark de Vries
Thesis title:	*On appositives*

2011   MA in Linguistics (*Cum Laude*), University of Leiden

Thesis advisors:	Prof. Lisa Cheng & Dr. Gertjan Postma
Thesis title:	*Clefts and TP-ellipsis in British English dialects*

2008   BA (*Hons*) in Philosophy and Linguistics, University of Sheffield

Thesis advisor:	Prof. Nigel Duffield
Thesis title:	*The typology of the Polysynthesis Parameter*

RESEARCH PROFILE

Interests   Formal syntax & semantics of: amalgamation, apposition, *as*-parentheticals, clarification requests, comment/report clauses, echo questions, ellipsis (clausal and verbal), extraposition, fragmentary responses, information-structure (focus and topics), interjection, null objects of prepositions (across English dialects), pied-piping, polar replies, quotation, relativisation, split utterances

Languages   Dutch, English, German, Hungarian, Turkish

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-19	*Syntax I* (*ongoing*) Convenor, designer & instructor; 1st year undergraduate course in syntactic theory, Linguistics department, Leiden University
2018-19	*Ling II: The syntax of English* (*ongoing*) Convenor & instructor; 1st year undergraduate course in English syntax, English department, Leiden University
2018-19	*Ling III: English syntax and argumentation* Instructor; 2nd year undergraduate course in English syntax, English department, Leiden University

2018-19	*Ling V: English word and sentence structure*

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Convenor, designer & instructor; 3rd year undergraduate course in English morphology and syntax, English department, Leiden University

2017-18   *SHE III: Ellipsis and peripheral phenomena in English*
Convenor, designer & instructor; 3rd year undergraduate grammar course for English teacher-training students (*Lehramt*), Linguistics department, University of Konstanz

2017-18   *Morphology II*   [Student evaluation: 1.5 (1-5, 5 lowest, $\overline{x} = 1.82$)]
Convenor, designer & instructor; 2nd year undergraduate course in morphology, Linguistics department, University of Konstanz

2017-18   *Syntax II*   [Student evaluation: 1.8 (1-5, 5 lowest, $\overline{x} = 1.85$)]
Convenor, designer & instructor; 2nd year undergraduate course in syntax, Linguistics department, University of Konstanz

2016-17   *Syntax III: Topics in ellipsis*   [Student evaluation: 1.4 (1-5, 5 lowest, $\overline{x} = 1.93$)]
Convenor, designer & instructor; Master's course in syntax, Linguistics department, University of Konstanz

2015-16   *Prescribing and Describing English*
Instructor; 1st year undergraduate course in morphology and syntax, English department, Utrecht University

2015   *The Sound Lab*
Instructor; 1st year undergraduate course in phonetics and phonology, English department, Utrecht University

2015   *English Language & Linguistics*
Instructor; undergraduate minor course in general linguistics, English department, Utrecht University

Mentoring / supervision

2019   English Language & Culture BA thesis, lead supervisor, Leiden University (*x*2)

2016   Linguistics BA thesis co-supervisor, Utrecht University

2015-6   Academic & pastoral tutor for 1st year undergraduates (tutor-group of 20 students) Department of English, Utrecht University

Third-party Funding

2016-8   Co-funding grant, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz   (€5,850)

2016   *Profileringsgebied*, University of Leiden   (LUCL, €27,000. *Declined*)

2016   Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship   (European Commission, €131,600)

Professional Service

2012+   **Journal and publisher reviewer**: *English Language & Linguistics*, *Glossa* (x2), *Journal of Linguistics* (x2), *Language*, *Lingua* (x2), *Linguistic Inquiry* (x3), *The Linguistic Review*, *Linguistics*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* (x3), *Nordlyd*, *Oxford University Press* (x2), *Studies in Language series (John Benjamins)*

2012+   **Conference reviewer**: *ConSOLE XXV*, Leipzig; ``*What drives computation?*'' *workshop*, DGfS Leipzig; *GLOW 40*, Leiden; *NELS 48*, Reykjavík; *GLOW 41*, Budapest; *NELS 49*, Ithaca; *GLOW 42*, Oslo

2017-18   External collaborator for *Ellipsis licensing beyond syntax* project (*PI*: Lisa Cheng), funded by the NWO. University of Leiden

2016-18   Member of the Liaison Board of the Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz.
(liaison between the Linguistics department and the Zukunftskolleg)

2016-18   Member of the Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz.
(the EC assesses and passes decisions on internal grant applications for amounts over €3,000, dealing with approximately €500,000 per year)

2015	Organiser of the workshop *Fostering Appositive Outlook*. University of Groningen.
2012-15	Postgraduate researcher for the *Incomplete Parenthesis* project (*PI:* Mark de Vries), funded by the European Research Council. University of Groningen
2012	Member of the organising committee for the conference *TABU dag 2012*, University of Groningen
2010-11	Research assistant for the *Focus & Ellipsis project* (*PI:* Anikó Lipták), funded by NWO. University of Leiden

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECTS

| 2018 | *The music of language, technology, & Desire.* With Udith Dematagoda (Dept. of Literature, U. Konstanz). Funded by the Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz   (€1,584) |

(Avant-garde musical collaboration focusing on the relevance of René Girard's theory of Memetic Desire in studying online social communication)

VISITING POSITIONS

| 2013 | Junior Specialist (4 months). Linguistics Research Center, University of California Santa Cruz.   [supervisor: Prof. J. McCloskey] |
| 2017 | Outgoing Research Visit (10 days). Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, University of Cambridge. |

TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS SHORTLISTED FOR

2019	Assistant Professor in Syntax, University of California Los Angeles (first round).
2018	Assistant Professor in Syntax, University of Delaware (first round).
2018	Tenure-track Professor in English Linguistics, University of Tübingen (final round).
2017	Assistant Professor (*Lecturer*) in Syntax, University of Essex (final round).

INTENSIVE COURSES ATTENDED

2011-17	LOT schools: Leiden (2017), Groningen (2013), Tilburg (2012), Leuven (2011)
2016	Prosody summer school, Aix-en-Provence.
2013	Ling 232: Semantics B, Santa Cruz (instructor; Pranav Anand).
2012	Dutch (B2) and German (A1/2) Language courses.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2011-16	The General Association of Linguistics *(De Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap)*, The Netherlands
2016+	International Society for the Linguistics of English, United Kingdom
2017	Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)

LANGUAGES (*Spoken and taught*)

English (native), Dutch (upper intermediate: B2), German (beginner: A1/2), Turkish (beginner)

Private language teaching: Conversational English (1-to-1 lessons: intermediate level)

REFEREES

Recent employer
Prof. Dr. G. L. Walkden (*George*)   Department of Linguistics, Konstanz University
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Inter-project research collaborator
Prof. Dr. L. L.-S. Cheng (*Lisa*)
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P.O. Box 360
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Prof. Dr. C. J. W. Zwart (*Jan-Wouter*)
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PUBLICATIONS   [**IF**, impact factor | **R**, rank]
Ranks from scimagojr.com, Oct 2018. Field: Language & Linguistics; ordered by SJR.
Median IF for top 150 journals: 0.78.

Monographs [1]

2015   Griffiths, J. *On appositives*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Groningen. Utrecht: LOT dissertation series, no.389.

Journal articles [10]

2019   Griffiths, J. A Q-based approach to clausal ellipsis: Deriving the Preposition Stranding and Island Sensitivity generalisations without movement. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 4(1), 12.

2018   Griffiths, J. Revisiting rebinding: An alternative to MaxElide. *Nordlyd* 43(1), *GLOW Short Report Proceedings* (to appear).

2018   Griffiths, J. Beyond MaxElide: An investigation of A′-movement from elided phrases. *Linguistic Inquiry* (to appear).   [IF: 1.88 | R: 14]

2018   Griffiths, J. & M. de Vries. Parenthesis: syntactic integration or orphanage? A rejoinder to Ott 2016. *Linguistic Inquiry* (to appear).   [IF: 1.88 | R: 14]

2015   Griffiths, J. & C. Sailor. Prepositional object gaps in British English. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 32: 63--74.

2015   Griffiths, J. Reformulative appositions and clausal ellipsis. *Lingua* 165: 70--91.
[IF: 0.52 | R: 125 (under boycott since 2015)]

2015   Griffiths, J. Parenthetical verb constructions, fragment answers, and constituent modification. N*atural Language & Linguistic Theory* 33(1): 191--229.   [IF: 1.45 | R: 22]

2014   Griffiths, J. & A. Lipták. Contrast and island sensitivity in clausal ellipsis. *Syntax* 17(3): 189--234.   [IF: 0.83 | R: 77]

2014   Griffiths, J. & M. de Vries. Parenthesis and presupposition in discourse. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 31: 39--52.

2013   Griffiths, J. & M. de Vries. The syntactic integration of appositives: evidence from fragments and ellipsis. *Linguistic Inquiry* 44(2): 332--344.   [IF: 1.88 | R: 14]

Chapters in edited volumes [3]

2018   Den Dikken, M. & J. Griffiths. Ellipsis and spec–head agreement. In G. Güneş & A. Lipták (eds.), *The timing of ellipsis* (Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics). Oxford: Oxford University Press. (under review)

2015   Griffiths, J. Speaker and quote reduced parenthetical clauses. In S. Schneider, J. Glikman & M. Azanzi (eds.), *Parenthetical Verbs* (Linguistische Arbeiten Series, no. 557). Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 71--102.

2014   Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. *Ki* issues in Turkish: Parenthetical coordination and adjunction. In M. E. Kluck, D. Ott & M. de Vries (eds.), *Parenthesis and Ellipsis: Cross-Linguistic and Theoretical Perspectives* (Studies in Generative Grammar Series, no. 121). Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 173--217.

Unpublished manuscripts [2]

2011   Griffiths, J., An analysis of embedded declarative fragments and their implications for the theory of sluicing. University of Groningen.

2010   Griffiths, J., A Grammar of Minangkabau. University of Leiden.

PRESENTATIONS

International and national conferences [27]

2018   Den Dikken, M. & J. Griffiths. Ellipsis and Spec-Head agreement. *Forum of Linguistic Sciences*, Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, 10/18.

2018   Den Dikken, M. & J. Griffiths. Spec-head agreement, EPP, and ellipsis: against a phase-based analysis of English stripping. Paper presented at the ``*Timing of Ellipsis*" workshop at the 51st *Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*. Tallinn, 09/18.

2018   Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. Parenthesis in a head-final language: The case of Turkish *ki*. Paper presented at *Clause Typing and the Syntax-to-Discourse Relation in Head-Final Languages*. Schloss Freudental, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, 05/18.

2018   Griffiths, J., G. Güneş & A. Lipták. Reprise Fragments in Minimalism: an in-situ analysis. Poster presented at *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 41*. Budapest, 04/18.

2018   Griffiths, J., G. Güneş & A. Lipták. A Minimalist investigation of Reprise Fragments. Paper presented at the ``*Relating Elliptical Utterances to Information in Context*" workshop at the 40th *Annual Meeting of the German Society of Linguistics (DGfS)*. Stuttgart, 03/18.

2017   Griffiths, J., G. Güneş & A. Lipták. Echo fragments. Paper presented at *Workshop 6 (Approaches to Fragments and ellipsis in spoken and written English) of the 7th Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English*. Vigo, 09/17.

2017   Griffiths, J. & C. Sailor. Probing the PP domain: Complex possessive PPs in British English. Paper presented at *Morphosyntactic variation in adpositions*. Cambridge, UK, 05/17.

2017   Griffiths, J. Beyond MaxElide: A′-extraction from ellipsis sites. Paper presented at *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 40*. Leiden, 03/17.

2017   Sailor, C. & J. Griffiths. PPs with gaps in. Paper presented at the 91st *annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*. Austin, 01/17.

2016   Griffiths, J. Appositions as fragments? Paper presented at the *Workshop on Fragments*. Saarbrücken, 10/16.

2016   Griffiths, J. Re-characterising MaxElide. Paper presented at the 4th annual conference for International Society for the Linguistics of English. Poznań, 09/16.

2016   Griffiths, J. Re-characterising MaxElide. Poster presented at *Ellipsis across borders 2016*. Sarajevo, 06/16.

2015   Griffiths, J. & C. Sailor. PPs with gaps in. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Linguistics association of Great Britain, 2015. London, 09/15.

2015   Griffiths, J. Appositive view of ellipsis. Paper presented at *Fostering Appositive Outlook*. Groningen, 04/15.

2015   Griffiths, J. Appositives, two-utterance monologues, and different kinds of meaning. Paper presented at *Redrawing Pragmasemantic Borders*. Groningen, 03/15.

2015 Griffiths, J. & C. Sailor. PPs with gaps in. Paper presented at *Taalkunde in Nederland-dag 2015*. Utrecht, 02/15.

2014 Griffiths, J. Two types of apposition. Paper presented at *Outside the Clause 2014*. Vienna, 07/14.

2014 Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. An Indo-European loan in Turkish and the case of Germanic appositives. Paper presented at the *11ᵗʰ Workshop on Syntax, Semantics, and Phonology*. Barcelona, 06/14.

2014 Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. Parenthesis and Turkish *ki*. Paper presented at *Lingday 2014 at Boğaziçi University*. Istanbul, 05/14.

2014 Griffiths, J. & M. de Vries. Parentheticals, presupposition, and truth. Paper presented at *Taalkunde in Nederland-dag 2014*. Utrecht, 02/14.

2013 Griffiths, J. Amalgamation in mitigator constructions. Paper presented at the *Parenthesis and Ellipsis workshop of the 34ᵗʰ Annual Meeting of the German Society of Linguistics (DGfS)*. Potsdam, 03/13.

2012 Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. Fragment answers in Turkish. Paper presented at the *16ᵗʰ International Conference on Turkish Linguistics*. Ankara, 09/12.

2012 Griffiths, J. The syntactic integration of appositive relative clauses: evidence from clausal ellipsis. Paper presented at *TABU Dag 2012*. Groningen, 06/12.

2012 Griffiths, J. Remarks on alleged subject-oriented parenthetical constructions. Paper presented at *Parenthétiques 2012*. Paris, 05/12.

2012 Griffiths, J. CP-modifying reduced parenthetical clauses. Paper presented at *Taalkunde in Nederland-dag 2012*. Utrecht, 02/12.

2011 Griffiths, J. & A. Lipták. Contrastivity in island repair: an argument for parallelism. Paper presented at *Islands in Contemporary Linguistic Theory*. Vitoria-Gasteiz, 11/11.

2011 Griffiths, J. Embedded declarative fragments and the theory of sluicing in English. Paper presented at *TABU Dag 2011*. Groningen, 06/11.

Departmental colloquia *(invited, non-host institution)* [9]

2018 Griffiths, J. Prepositional phrases with gaps in. Paper presented to the *Englische Seminar*, University of Tübingen, 07/18.

2018 Griffiths, J. Reprise Fragments in Minimalism. Paper presented at the *CLCG Syntax and Semantics seminar*. Groningen, 02/18.

2017 Griffiths, J. A′-rebinding in VP and N′ ellipsis in English. Paper presented at *Leipzig Ellipsis and Inflection seminar*. Leipzig, 09/17.

2017 Griffiths, J. Beyond MaxElide: A′-extraction from ellipsis sites. Paper presented at *Cambridge SyntaxLab*. Cambridge, UK, 05/17.

2016 Griffiths, J. MaxElide: Interactions between *wh*-movement, deaccentuation, and ellipsis in English. Paper at the *Konstanz Linguistic Dept. Colloquium*. Konstanz, 05/16.

2015 Griffiths, J. The syntax of reformulative appositions. Paper presented at the *LUCL Comparative Syntax seminar*. Leiden, 11/15.

2013 Griffiths, J. Comment clauses and Turkish *ki*. Paper presented at the *LUCL Comparative Syntax seminar*. Leiden, 10/13.

2013 Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. Notes on *ki*. Paper presented at *S-Circle's Parentheticals workshop*. Santa Cruz, 04/13.

2010 Griffiths, J. Swiping in British English. Paper presented at *Topics in English Syntax* (MA seminar). Leiden, 11/10.

Departmental seminars *(host institution)* [6]

2017 Griffiths, J., Güneş & A. Lipták. Echo fragments: preliminary remarks. Paper presented at *LUCL Comparative Syntax seminar*. Leiden, 04/17.

2014	Griffiths, J. & C. Sailor. PPs with gaps in. Paper presented at the *Syntax and Semantics seminar*. Groningen, 11/14.
2014	Griffiths, J. Two theories of the syntax of identificational appositions. Paper presented at the *CLCG Syntax and Semantics seminar*. Groningen, 07/14.
2012	Griffiths, J. & G. Güneş. Notes on Stacked Appositions. Paper presented at the *CLCG Syntax and Semantics Seminar*. Groningen, 11/12.
2011	Griffiths, J. What reduced parenthetical clauses might tell us about evidentiality and epistemic modality. Paper presented at the *CLCG Syntax and Semantics Seminar*. Groningen, 11/11.
2011	Griffiths, J. Ellipsis in English: clefts, pseudosluicing and *whether--or* constructions. Paper presented at the *CLCG Syntax and Semantics seminar*. Groningen, 05/11.

Outreach: talks for non-specialists [2]

2017	Griffiths, J. What generative linguistics can do for ellipsis and why it can. Paper presented at the *Zukuftskolleg's Jour Fixe*. Konstanz, 01/17.
2015	Interview for *Albion*, Utrecht University's English-language student newspaper. Issue 1, 2015-16.