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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Junior Professor in English Linguistics (tenure-track), University of Tübingen
 Lecturer in Linguistics, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
 Associated Research Fellow in Linguistics

 Zukunftskolleg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz

 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

2010 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

2020-21 English syntax and the theory of Grammar

Convenor, designer & instructor; intermediate-level undergraduate course (Hauptseminar), Englisches Seminar, University of Tübingen

2020-21 Introduction to Morphology

Convenor, designer & instructor; undergraduate course (Proseminar), Englisches Seminar, University of Tübingen

2020 Introduction to English syntax

Convenor, designer & instructor; undergraduate course (Proseminar), Englisches Seminar, University of Tübingen

- 2020 Introduction to Morphology Convenor, designer & instructor; undergraduate course (Proseminar), Englisches Seminar, University of Tübingen
- 2019-20 Ellipsis & Reduced Registers
 Convenor, designer & instructor; {advanced undergraduate / Master's} course (Hauptseminar, Kompaktkurs), Englisches Seminar, University of Tübingen
- 2018-19 Syntax I Convenor, designer & instructor; 1^{st} year undergraduate course in syntactic theory, Linguistics department, Leiden University
- 2018-19 Ling II: The syntax of English Convenor & instructor; $1^{\rm st}$ 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

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

- 2020 Student assistants (Hiwis) for *Lehrstuhl* research (x2)
- 2020 Teaching assistant for Wintersemester 2020/21 Hauptseminar 'English syntax and the theory of Grammar'
- 2019 English Language & Culture BA thesis, lead supervisor, Leiden University (x2)
- 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

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship
 LEaDing Fellows COFUND program, Leiden University / TU Delft / Erasmus University
 Rotterdam (European Commission, €63,000. Declined)
- 2016 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (European Commission, €131,600)
- 2016-8 Co-funding grants, 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 (x7), Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics, Journal of Linguistics (x2), Language, Lingua (x2), Linguistic Inquiry (x4), The Linguistic Review, Linguistics, Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (x6), 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; NELS 50, MIT; GLOW 43, Berlin; SinFonIJA 13, Budapest; ConSOLE XXIX, Leiden
- 2020-22 Member of the organising committee for the annual meeting of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS). University of Tübingen, March 2022.
- 2020-21 Member of task force for proposal submission of the *Sonderforschungsbereichen* "Common Ground", University of Tübingen.
 - 2020 Invited committee member (external oppostion), PhD defence of Anastasiia Ionova. Leiden University, Jan 2020.
- 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

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS SHORTLISTED FOR AND/OR DECLINED

- 2019 Tenure-track Assistant Prof. in Linguistics, Trinity College Dublin (awarded and declined)
- 2019 Postdoc researcher in Linguistics, Max Plank Institute for Psycholinguistics Nijmegen (declined at final round)
- 2019 Tenure-track Assistant Prof. in Syntax, University of California Los Angeles (first round)
- 2018 Tenure-track Assistant Prof. in Syntax, University of Delaware (first round)
- 2017 Tenure-track Assistant Prof. (Lecturer) in Syntax, University of Essex (final round)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 Leadership in academia workshop (Researcher Development Program, Tübingen, Feb)
- 2019 Inclusion and diversity in higher education teaching (Leiden, March)
- 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

- 2020- The German Linguistic Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft)
- 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 (intermediate: B1), Turkish (beginner) *Private language teaching*: Conversational English (1-to-1 lessons: intermediate level)

REFEREES

Research collaborator

Prof. Dr. L. L.-S. Cheng (*Lisa*) Leiden University Centre for Linguistics l.l.cheng@hum.leidenuniv.nl P.O. Box 9515

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Recent employer

Prof. Dr. G. L. Walkden (*George*) Department of Linguistics, Konstanz University george.walkden@uni-konstanz.de Universitätsstraße 10, Postfach 175 +49 (0)7531 88-3555 (office) 78457, Konstanz, Germany

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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.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals [12]

- 2020 Griffiths, J., G. Güneş, A. Lipták & J. Merchant. Dutch preposition stranding and ellipsis: Merchant's Wrinkle ironed out. *Under review*.
- 2020 Griffiths, J., G. Güneş & A. Lipták. English reprise fragments in Minimalism: Further evidence for an in-situ Q-equivalence approach to clausal ellipsis. *Under review*.
- 2019 Griffiths, J. Beyond MaxElide: An investigation of A'-movement from elided phrases. Linguistic Inquiry 50(3): 571-607. [IF: 1.88 | R: 14]
- 2019 Griffiths, J. & M. de Vries. Parenthesis: syntactic integration or orphanage? A rejoinder to Ott 2016. *Linguistic Inquiry* 50(3): 609-629. [IF: 1.88 | R: 14]
- 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.
- 2019 Griffiths, J. Revisiting rebinding: An alternative to MaxElide. *Nordlyd* 43(1): 31-43 *GLOW Short Report Proceedings*.
- 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. Natural 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, peer-reviewed volumes [5]

- 2020 Griffiths, J. Questions underpin deletion: A response to Barros and Kotek (2019). In A. Konietzko & S. Winkler (eds.), *Information structure and ambiguity* (Studies in Generative Grammar). Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton.
- 2020 Cheng, L. L.-S. & J. Griffiths. The enduring discoveries of generative syntax. To appear in T. Lohndal (ed.), *Blackwell Companion to Chomsky*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2018 Den Dikken, M. & J. Griffiths. English VP ellipsis in Unusual Subject configurations: Reviving the Spec-Head agreement approach. 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, no. 557). Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton, 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, no. 121). Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton, 173-217.

Unpublished manuscripts (not submitted) [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 [28]

- 2020 Griffiths, J., G. Güneş & A. Lipták. Focus and quotation in English echo questions. Paper presented at Workshop 12: Expressing the use-mention distinction: An empirical perspective of the *42nd Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS)*. Hamburg, 03/20.
- 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) [10]

- 2020 Griffiths, J., G. Güneş & A. Lipták. The unbearable lightness of WHAT? A clausal ellipsis analysis of English reprise fragments. Paper presented at the *Workshop in honor of the defense of Anastasiia Ionova*. Leiden, 01/20.
- 2018 Griffiths, J. Prepositional phrases with gaps in. Paper presented to the *Englische Seminar*, University of Tübingen, 07/18 **[Job talk]**.
- 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 work-shop*. 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]

- 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.