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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019- Junior Professor in English Linguistics (tenure-track), University of Tübingen
- 2018-2019 Lecturer in Linguistics, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
- 2018-2019 Associated Research Fellow in Linguistics  
Zukunftskolleg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz
- 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*
- 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), extra-position, 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; 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate course in syntactic theory, Linguistics department, Leiden University
- 2018-19 *Ling II: The syntax of English (ongoing)*  
Convenor & instructor; 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate course in English syntax, English department, Leiden University
- 2018-19 *Ling III: English syntax and argumentation*  
Instructor; 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate course in English syntax, English department, Leiden University

- 2018-19 *Ling V: English word and sentence structure*  
 Convenor, designer & instructor; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,  $\bar{x}$  = 1.82)]  
 Convenor, designer & instructor; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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,  $\bar{x}$  = 1.93)]  
 Convenor, designer & instructor; Master's course in syntax, Linguistics department, University of Konstanz
- 2015-16 *Prescribing and Describing English*  
 Instructor; 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate course in morphology and syntax, English department, Utrecht University
- 2015 *The Sound Lab*  
 Instructor; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (x2)
- 2016 Linguistics BA thesis co-supervisor, Utrecht University
- 2015-6 Academic & pastoral tutor for 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduates (tutor-group of 20 students)  
 Department of English, Utrecht University

#### THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

- 2019 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* (x4), *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
- 2020 Invited committee member (external opposition), 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)

#### INTENSIVE COURSES ATTENDED

- 2019 Inclusion and diversity in higher education teaching (Leiden, March 2019)
- 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: A2), Turkish (beginner)

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

## REFEREES

### Research collaborator

Prof. Dr. L. L.-S. Cheng (*Lisa*)  
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### Recent employer

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### PhD supervisor

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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 [11]

- 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 appositives 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 [4]**

- 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 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 (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 to be 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 51<sup>st</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 *91<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 *11<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 *16<sup>th</sup> 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 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.