## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Academic Qualifications**

2010	Honorary Professorship in Experimental Psychology, University of Leipzig, Germany
2006	University of Leipzig, Germany: Doctor rerum naturalium habilitatus (Psychology)
1996	Tufts University, USA: Ph.D. (Experimental Psychology)
1992	Tufts University, USA: M.Sc. (Experimental Psychology)
1986	University of Tübingen, Germany: M.A. (Psycholinguistics, Literary and

## **Professional Experience**

Since 1996	Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig,
	Cormony

Germany:

Political Sciences)

since 2007: Max Planck Minerva Professor (W2) 2000 – 2006: Tenured Senior Research Scientist

1996 - 2000: Research Scientist

Since 1996 Day Clinic of Cognitive Neurology, University of Leipzig, Germany:

Advisory Senior Neuropsychologist

1996 – 2009 University of Leipzig, Dept. of Psychology and Neurology, Germany:

Reader

1997 – 2004 German Society of Neuropsychology:

Reader

1989 – 1996 Tufts University, Dept. of Psychology, USA:

1992 - 1996: Lecturer

1989 - 1996: Research Assistant

1987 – 1988 Children's Hospital, Boston, USA:

Research Fellow

1987 – 1996 Tufts University, Dept. of German and Asian Languages, USA:

Senior Lecturer

1986 – 1987 University of Tübingen, Dept. of Linguistics, Germany:

Research Assistant

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### **Research Interests**

Speech, Language, Emotion, Rhythm & Timing, Attention

Interface of speech, language, emotion, rhythm, and timing in perception and comprehension; dynamic attention in unilateral (stimulus based) and bilateral synchronization (communication); executive attention and emotion

Cortico-striatal and cortico-cerebellar systems and functions in clinical (acute/chronic stroke, Parkinson's disease) and specialty (bilingualism) populations

# Cognitive Neuroscience

Application of behavioural, event-related brain potentials (ERPs), functional Magnetic resonance tomography (fMRI); integration of neuroimaging techniques (EEG/fMRI) and neuroimaging (EEG) and lesion techniques

### **Awards**

2010	Honorary Professorship in Experimental Psychology, University of Leipzig, Germany
2009	MaxNetAging Research Fellow, MPI for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany
2007	Max Planck Society Award: "Excellence Support for Female Scientists - Minerva Programme"; supports the leading of an independent research group: "Neurocognition of Rhythm in Communication"
1996	Dissertation Award, Dean of the Graduate School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, USA
1994 – 1996	Conference Awards , Dean of the Graduate School and Department of Psychology, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, USA
1989 – 1991	Conference Awards, Dean of the Graduate School and Department of Psychology, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, USA
1988 – 1996	Ph.D. Fellowship, Dean of the Graduate School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, USA

### **Professional advancements**

2008	Reading University, Department of Psychology, Chair in Psychology (declined)
2008	Free University of Berlin, Languages of Emotion Cluster, Professor in Psychology (2 <sup>nd</sup> place)
2010	Free University of Berlin, Dept. Of German and Dutch Philology, Professor in Psycholinguistics (pending)

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# Grants

2003 – 2006	German Research Foundation (DFG): Interdisciplinary Research Group: "Emotion in acoustic communication"; PI: Perception of emotional prosody in the cortico-striatal network: fMRI and ERP investigations of healthy and patient populations (101.000 EUR)
2004 – 2007	DFG International Science Network "The structure of the left periphery in Germanic languages: CP- and IP-related elements in normal and impaired language": Network participant
2006 – 2009	DFG Grant extension: Interdisciplinary Research Group: "Emotion in acoustic communication"; PI: Perception of emotional prosody in the cortico-striatal network: fMRI and ERP investigations of healthy and patient populations (210.000 EUR)
2006 – 2011	Canadian Institutes of Health Research: "Effects of Parkinson's disease on communication and language perception". Co-PI with Marc Pell, School of Communication Sciences & Disorders, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (410.000 CAN\$)
2008 – 2010	Berlin Excellence Cluster "Languages of Emotion"; PI: Kotz, Co-PIs: Martin von Koppenfels University of Bielefeld, Germany), Winfried Menninghaus (Free University of Berlin, Germany): "Aesthetic evaluation of metered language in poetry" (151.600 EUR)
2008 – 2009	Berlin Excellence Cluster "Languages of Emotion": PI: Kuschinke (Free University of Berlin), Co-PIs: Sonja A. Kotz (MPI for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany), Arthur Jacobs (Free University of Berlin): "Processing of emotional prosody in Asperger Syndrom" (5820 EUR)
2009 – 2014	ITN European Grant: "Europe, Brain and Music: New perspectives for stimulating cognitive and sensory processes (EBRAMUS) ": PI: "Speech and music rhythm – what is the common denominator?" and Co-PI with Peter Keller (Max Planck Junior Research Group: Music Cognition and Action, Leipzig, Germany) and Simone Dalla Bella (University of Finance and Management in Warsaw, Department of Cognitive Psychology, Warsaw, Poland) "Compensation of speech and motor behaviour – the role of rhythm" (128.000 EUR + Co-sharing another 128.000 EUR with Simone Dalla Bella)
2009 – 2014	DFG Graduate School "On the Function of Attention in Cognitive Processes"; PI: (1) Joint emotional attention, and (2) The impact of emotion on attention (168.00 EUR)
2009 – 2013	European Concerted Research Action designated as COST Action 2009: Network Participant Time In Mental Activity: theoretical, behavioral, bioimaging, and clinical Perspectives (TIMELY) (350.000 EUR)
2010 – 2012	Berlin Excellence Cluster "Languages of Emotion"; PI: Kotz, Co-PIs: Martin von Koppenfels University of Bielefeld, Germany), Winfried Menninghaus (Free University of Berlin, Germany): "Aesthetic evaluation of metered language in poetry" (245.000 EUR)

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2010 – 2012 Berlin Excellence Cluster "Languages of Emotion"; PI: Kotz, Co-PIs: Markus Conrad and Oliver Lubrich (Free University of Berlin, Germany): "On the role of sound physiognomy in language processing and artistic

speech production" (154.000 EUR)

2011 – 2014 DFG-ANR 2010 PI (with Co-PI Michel Hoen, CNRS, Lyon, France)

"On the origins of grammar: from structural complexity in auditory

sequences to syntactic structure" (204.000 EUR).

Submitted Extension Grant Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

"Effects of Parkinson's disease on communication and language

perception". Co-PI with Marc Pell, School of Communication Sciences &

Disorders, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

# **Administration and Management**

2010 - ERC Panel Member for the SH4 – The Human Mind and its complexity

2008 - Member of IT Commission of the MPI for Human Cognitive and Brain

Sciences

2008 - Conceptualization, realization, and coordination of the module "Verbal

Communication" of the International Max Planck Research School

(IMPRS)

2006 - 2008 Consultant for the development of early bilingual day care education

2000 - 2007 Deputy of Angela D. Friederici, Director of the Department of

Neuropsychology

Since 1996 Representation of the MPI-CBS (Neuropsychology) and research interests

on public local radio, national radio and TV, in newspapers as well as at

local science fairs

### **Editorial Experience**

2010 Editor: Frontiers in Language Sciences

2009 Editor: NeuroImage

Since 2007 Editorial Board: The Open Applied Linguistics Journal

### Ad Hoc Reviewer

#### for Journals:

Affective and Behavioural Neuroscience, Acta Psychologica, Biological Psychology, Biological Psychiatry, BMC Neuroscience, Brain, Brain and Behavioural Sciences, Brain and Cognition, Brain and Language, Clinical Linguistics and Phonology, Clinical Neurophysiology, Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioural Neuroscience, Cognitive Brain Research, Cognitive and Behavioural Neurology, Cognitive Linguistics, Cerebral Cortex, Cortex, Emotion, Experimental Psychology, Human Brain Mapping, International Journal of Psychophysiology, Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Journal of Memory and Language, Journal of Neurolinguistics, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Psychologia, Neuroscience Letters, Perceptual and Motor Skills, Psychophysiology, PLoS Medicine, PLoS One, Social

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Neuroscience, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology.

## for Scientific Organisations:

German Science Foundation (DFG); Carl-Zeiss-Foundation, Germany; The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); Research Foundation-Flanders, Belgium (FOW); Medical Research Council, UK; The Wellcome Trust, UK; Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK; Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council (BBSRC), UK; Swiss Science Foundation (SSF); National Science Foundation (NSF); Canadian Agencies (CIHR; FQRSC; SSHRC); Israel Science Foundation (ISF).

#### **Affiliations**

Cognitive Neuroscience Society
International Society for Women in Cognitive Neuroscience
Society for Neuroscience
Women in Neuroscience
Germany Society for Neuroscience
American Society for Psychology

## Organisation of Symposia at International Conferences or Conferences

- 13. Rhythm, Production, & Perception Workshop, Leipzig, Germany, July 2011.
- Evoked Potentials International Conference EPIC XIV, Leipzig, Germany, March 2004:
   "Processing words and sentences: ERP patient evidence"
- Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany, September 2004:
  - "Brain correlates of emotional perception in communication"
- Speech Prosody 2006, Dresden, Germany, May 2006:
   "Understanding emotions in speech: Neural and cross-cultural evidence"
- International Neuropsychology Society Meeting From Plasticity to Rehabilitation, Zurich, Switzerland, July 2006:
  - "Prosody and faces as multi-facetted means of emotional expression"
- 35. Arbeitstagung Psychophysiologie und Methodik (APM), Leipzig, Germany, June 2009.

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