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Research interests

Broad: theoretical, comparative and diachronic syntax, language acquisition and learnability, interdisciplinary approaches to language.

In syntax: the structure and acquisition of the left periphery, categorial ontology and flexibility, syntactic development, Three Factors, the A/A' distinction, expletives, negation, expressive language, locality, Agree, typology, diachrony.

In acquisition: early syntactic development, acquisition of functional categories (esp. left periphery), categorial granularity in developing grammars, learning biases, Universal Grammar, neo-emergentist approaches, learnability-diachrony link.

Education

Degrees

2023-	**St John's College, University of Cambridge**	Cambridge, UK
	PhD in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics	
	Supervisors: Bert Vaux and Theresa Biberauer.	
2022-2023	**St John's College, University of Cambridge**	Cambridge, UK
	MPhil (by Thesis) in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics	
	Defended with no corrections	
	Thesis: *Emergent Syntax and Maturation: a neo-emergentist approach to syntactic development.*	
	Supervisor: Theresa Biberauer.	
	Examiners: Bert Vaux (internal) and Cécile de Cat (external).	
2019-2022	**St John's College, University of Cambridge**	Cambridge, UK
	BA (Hons) in Linguistics	
	First Class with Distinction (ranked 1st in cohort)	

Visiting positions

Sept-Dec 2025	**New York University**	New York City, USA
	Visiting PhD Student	
	Sponsors: Ailís Cournane and Gary Thoms.	
Apr-Jul 2025	**Goethe-Universität Frankfurt**	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
	Doctoral Research Fellow – NegLaB Collaborative Research Centre	
	Fully-funded collaboration with DFG-funded NegLaB project C06.	
	Supervisors: Esther Rinke and Petra Schulz.	

Summer schools and additional training

2024	Admissions Selection Training, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Cambridge
2024	Undergraduate Supervision Training, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Cambridge
2022-2024	Participant at V-NYI Universe and V-NYI Winter School - The NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive and Linguistic Studies
2023	5th Crete Linguistics Summer School - University of Crete (jointly organised with MIT)
2022	Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) - Masaryk University Brno
2021	Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) - online
2021	Escola d'Estiu de Lingüística Catalana (EDELC) - Universitat de les Illes Balears (Catalan Linguistics Summer School)

Papers & Publications

Manuscripts

In prep	Bosch, Núria. **Acquiring the Features of Negative Indefinites: A comparison of Catalan, Spanish and Italian with West Germanic**.
Submitted	Bosch, Núria. **Early or Late? Topicalization and the CP in Germanic-Romance bilinguals**. Submitted to *Language Acquisition*.
Re-submitted	Bosch, Núria. **Categorial granularity in syntactic acquisition: a multilingual corpus study on the left periphery**. Submitted to *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*.
2024	Bosch, Núria. **On another topic, how do acquisition orders vary? The left periphery and topicalisation in bilinguals**. Ms., 1st year PhD report, University of Cambridge.

Journal articles

2023	Bosch, Núria. **Not all complementisers are late: a first look at the emergence of illocutionary complementisers in Catalan and Spanish**. *Isogloss* 9(1)/12: 1-39.

Peer-reviewed edited volumes

To appear	Bosch, Núria. **The rise of expressive negation in a proper noun: survey evidence from Catalan on *Rita***. In Maria Teresa Espinal & Xavier Villalba (eds.), *Expressive meaning and speech acts*, Current Research in the Semantics / Pragmatics Interface. Leiden: Brill.

Conference proceedings

To appear	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **V2 all the way down: Germanic innovations in the embedded CP of German-Italian bilinguals**. *Proceedings of GLOW 47*.

To appear	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Not all topics are equal: syntactic complexity and its effect on the acquisition of left-peripheral structures**. *Proceedings of NELS 55.*
2025	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **On Another Topic, How Do Acquisition Orders Vary? The Left-Periphery and Topicalization in Bilingual and Monolingual Acquisition**. *Proceedings of the 49th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*, 129-144. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
2025	Bosch, Núria & Bert Vaux. **Is there scope for scope in morphophonological rule induction?**. *Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology 23 and 24.*
2024	Bosch, Núria. **The case of Rita: incipient expressive negation in Catalan and Spanish proper nouns**. *Proceedings of the 32nd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE32), 16-40.* Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Emergent Syntactic Categories and Increasing Granularity: Evidence from a Multilingual Corpus Study**. *Proceedings of the 48th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*, 101-116. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Working papers

2024	Bosch, Núria. **The case of Rita: incipient expressive negation in Catalan and Spanish proper nouns**. *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics*, 16: 198-228.
2023	Bosch, Núria. **Not all complementisers are late: a first look at the emergence of illocutionary complementisers in Catalan and Spanish**. *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics* 15: 1-38.
2022	Bosch, Núria. **Emergence, Complexity and Developing Grammars: a reinterpretation from a Dynamical Systems perspective**. *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics* 14(1): 1-33.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

2026	Bosch, Núria. **TBC**. Talk to be presented at *TreLinLab* (Università di Trento), 22 May.
2025	Bosch, Núria. **TBC**. Talk to be presented at *Acquisition of negation (MA course)* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), 8 December.
2025	Bosch, Núria. **Not all topics are equal: syntactic complexity and its effect on the acquisition of left-peripheral structures**. Talk to be presented at *Syntax Brown Bag* (New York University), 31 October.
2025	Bosch, Núria. **V2 all the way down: Germanic innovations in the embedded CP of German-Italian bilinguals**. Talk presented at *Syntax Colloquium* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), 16 June.
2025	Bosch, Núria. **Not all topics are equal: syntactic complexity and its effect on the acquisition of left-peripheral structures**. Talk presented at *Formal Linguistics Research Group* (Queen Mary University of London), 17 March.

2025	Bosch, Núria. **Emergent Syntactic Categories and Increasing Granularity: a multilingual corpus study**. Talk presented at *Seminari di Linguistica* (Università degli Studi di Padova), 6 March.
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Emergent Syntactic Categories and Increasing Granularity: a multilingual corpus study**. Talk presented at *Lectures on Information Structure* (LISTEN group, KU Leuven), 2 December.
2024	Bosch, Núria. **The case of Rita: incipient expressive negation in Catalan and Spanish proper nouns?**. Talk presented at *Romance Linguistics Circle (RoLinC)* (Universities of Bergamo, Cambridge, Messina, Newcastle and Oxford), 15 October.
2023	Bosch, Núria. **How do syntax trees develop? Insights from multilingual child data and 'categorial granularity'**. Talk presented at *St John's College Linguistics Society* (University of Cambridge), 20 November.
2022	Bosch, Núria. **Emergent grammars and the dynamics of language acquisition: an application of Dynamical Systems Theory to grammar construction**. Talk presented at *CRISSP Seminar* (KU Leuven), 14 December.

Peer-reviewed

2025	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Children selectively drop expletive subjects: the role of argumenthood and referentiality**. Talk to be presented at *50th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 50)* (Boston University), 6-9 November. **Paula Menyuk Award and Student Travel Fellowship**
2025	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **On the formal heterogeneity of expletive subjects: new insights from acquisition**. Talk to be presented at *The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 55)* (New York University), 17-19 October.
2025	Bosch, Núria. **The rise of expressive negation in a proper noun: the case of Rita in Catalan**. Talk presented at *26th Diachronic Generative Syntax conference (DiGS26)* (University of Oxford), 23-26 June.
2025	Bosch, Núria. **Expressive negation with proper nouns? Syntactic variation in the distribution of Rita in Catalan**. Talk presented at *47th Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW 47)* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), 24-28 March.
2025	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **V2 all the way down: Germanic innovations in the embedded CP of German-Italian bilinguals**. Poster presented at *47th Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW 47)* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), 24-28 March.
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Categorial Acquisition by Differentiation: the acquisition of the left periphery and implications for categorisation**. Talk presented at *Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL) 17* (CRISSP, KU Leuven), 12-13 December.
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **On another topic, how do acquisition orders vary? The left periphery and topicalisation in bilingual and monolingual acquisition**. Poster presented at *49th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 49)* (Boston University), 7-10 November. **Paula Menyuk Award**.

2024	Bosch, Núria & Bert Vaux. **Is there scope for scope in morphophonological rule induction?**. Poster presented at *Annual Meeting on Phonology 2024 (AMP)* (Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ), 1-3 November.
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Not all topics are equal: syntactic complexity and its effect on the acquisition of left-peripheral structures**. Poster presented at *The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 55)* (Yale University), 17-18 October.
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Emergent syntactic categories and increasing granularity: evidence from a multilingual corpus study**. Talk presented at *16th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition Conference (GALA 16)* (NOVA University of Lisbon), 12-14 September.
2024	Bosch, Núria. **Categorial differentiation as a representational manifestation of recursion**. Talk presented at *The Recursion Workshop* (University of Cambridge), 18 June.
2024	Bosch, Núria. **The case of Rita: expressives and negative indefinites in Catalan and Spanish**. Talk presented at *Functional categories, dimensions of meaning, and expletiveness Workshop* (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), 12-14 June.
2024	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Emergent syntactic categories and increasing granularity: evidence from a multilingual corpus study**. Talk presented at *49º Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG)* (University School for Advanced Studies IUSS Pavia), 22-23 February.
2024	Bosch, Núria. **The case of Rita: expressives and negative indefinites in Catalan and Spanish**. Poster presented at *32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE)* (Queen Mary University of London), 17-19 November.
2023	Bosch, Núria & Theresa Biberauer. **Emergent syntactic categories and increasing granularity: evidence from a multilingual corpus study**. Talk presented at *48th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 48)* (Boston University), 2-5 November. **Paula Menyuk Award**.
2023	Bosch, Núria. **Acquiring (illocutionary) complementisers: preliminary insights from child Catalan and Spanish, and beyond**. Talk presented at *Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL) 16* (KU Leuven), 5-6 October.
2023	Bosch, Núria. **Acquiring (illocutionary) complementisers: preliminary insights from child Catalan and Spanish, and beyond**. Talk presented at *Ling-O Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics* (University of Oxford), 15 September.
2023	Bosch, Núria. **Acquiring (illocutionary) complementisers: preliminary insights from child Catalan and Spanish, and beyond**. Talk presented at *2023 LAGB Annual Meeting* (Anglia Ruskin University), 29 August-1 September.
2023	Bosch, Núria. **On partial pro-drop patterns in Dinka**. Talk presented at *ULAB Annual Conference 2023* (University of Manchester), 9 April.
2022	Bosch, Núria. **Dynamics in acquisition: approaching emergence, generativism and grammar construction with Dynamical Systems Theory**. Talk presented at *ULAB Annual Conference 2022* (University of Edinburgh), 13 April.

Departmental talks

2025   Bosch, Núria. **Emergent Syntactic Categories and Increasing Granularity: a multilingual corpus study**. Talk presented at *Language Acquisition Colloquium* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), 13 March.

2025   Bosch, Núria. **Categorial Acquisition by Differentiation: two case-studies on the acquisition of the left periphery**. Talk presented at *NegLaB MGK (Post)doctoral Research Colloquium* (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), 23 April.

2025   Bosch, Núria. **V2 all the way down: Germanic innovations in the embedded CP of German-Italian bilinguals**. Talk presented at *SyntaxLab* (University of Cambridge), 25 February.

2024   Bosch, Núria. **Not all topics are equal: syntactic complexity and its effect on the acquisition of left-peripheral structures**. Talk presented at *Syntax Square* (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT), 5 November.

2024   Bosch, Núria. **On another topic, how do acquisition orders vary? The left periphery and topicalisation in bilinguals and monolinguals**. Talk presented at *Cambridge Processing and Acquisition of Language (CamPAL)* (University of Cambridge), 20 May.

2024   Bosch, Núria. **On another topic, how do acquisition orders vary? The left periphery and topicalisation in bilinguals and monolinguals**. Talk presented at *SyntaxLab* (University of Cambridge), 7 May.

2023   Bosch, Núria. **Rita cares about grammar: peculiar phenomena in the grammaticalisation of expressive negative indefinites**. Talk presented at *SyntaxLab Data Discussion Session* (University of Cambridge), 17 October.

2023   Bosch, Núria. **Sprouting in the emergence of syntax: a corpus study on child Catalan and German**. Talk presented at *SyntaxLab* (University of Cambridge), 31 January.

2022   Bosch, Núria. **Emergence, Complexity and Developing Grammars: a reinterpretation from a Dynamical Systems perspective**. Talk presented at *SyntaxLab* (University of Cambridge), 8 February.

2021   Biberauer, Theresa & Núria Bosch. **The case for Maximise Minimal Means: linguistic and general-cognitive perspectives**. Talk presented at *SyntaxLab* (University of Cambridge), 16 November.

Non-refereed

2023   Bosch, Núria. **Not all complementisers are late: a first look at the acquisition of illocutionary complementisers in Catalan and Spanish**. Poster presented at *CreteLing* (University of Crete, MIT), July.

2023   Bosch, Núria. **Not all complementisers are late: a first look at the acquisition of illocutionary complementisers in Catalan and Spanish**. Poster presented at *Commemorative conference for the 50th anniversary of the founding assembly of the International Association of Catalan Language and Literature (AILLC)* (Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge), 15 July.

General audience

2022   Bosch, Núria. **Mind the Gap: why early syntactic categories do not always have direct adult counterparts and why emergence matters in language acquisition**. Talk presented at *Samuel Butler Room Graduate Research Symposium* (St John's College), 12 November.

Awards *&* Scholarships

Research-related funding

2025   Student Travel Fellowship, formerly Diversity Travel Fellowship (50th Boston University Conference on Language Development, BUCLD 50)
             Covering full costs of travel, accommodation and registration
2025   Paula Menyuk Award for top-rated student abstracts (50th Boston University Conference on Language Development, BUCLD 50)
2025   Travel and Fieldwork Bursary (The Philological Society)
2025   NegLaB Short-Term Doctoral Fellowship ('Negation in Language and Beyond' DFG Collaborative Research Centre, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)
             ~€8,000 fully funding 4-month research collaboration
2024   Paula Menyuk Award for top-rated student abstracts (49th Boston University Conference on Language Development, BUCLD 49)
2023   Paula Menyuk Award for top-rated student abstracts (48th Boston University Conference on Language Development, BUCLD 48)
2023   Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP - St John's College Studentship (Arts and Humanities Research Council, UKRI, and St John's College)
             ~£84,000 towards PhD fees and maintenance
2023   Cambridge International Scholarship (Cambridge Trust) - Honorary upon receipt of OOC AHRC DTP
2022-2023   Hayes Scholarship (St John's College, Cambridge)
             ~£19,200 towards MPhil fees and maintenance
2022-2023   Cambridge Opportunity Master's Studentship (Cambridge Trust)
             £6,500 towards MPhil fees
2022   Undergraduate Academic Research Funding (St John's College, Cambridge)
2021   Summer Funding (St John's College, Cambridge)

Awards for undergraduate work

2022   Hughes Year Prize (St John's College, Cambridge)
2022   McAulay Scholarship (St John's College, Cambridge)
2022   Wright Prize (St John's College, Cambridge)
2022   Sidney Allen Prize (Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics, University of Cambridge)
2021   Quass Year Prize (St John's College, Cambridge)
2021   McAulay Scholarship (St John's College, Cambridge)
2021   Wright Prize (St John's College, Cambridge)
2020   McAulay Scholarship (St John's College, Cambridge)
2020   College Prize (St John's College, Cambridge)

Awards for performance and research project during Spanish Baccalaureate

2019	Matrícula d'Honor (Prize for Academic Excellence; Departament d'Ensenyament, Catalonia)
2019	XI UPF Prize for the Best Research Project in the area of language and languages (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Internships

12/2021-01/2022	Theresa Biberauer, University of Cambridge
	Project: *Acquisition of ergativity, polysynthesis, noun classes and understudied languages from a Maximise Minimal Means perspective*
07/2021-08/2021	Theresa Biberauer, University of Cambridge
	Project: *Maximise Minimal Means in language and human cognition*

TEACHING AND EXAMINATION

At the University of Cambridge

Supervisions – Small-group teaching

2024-2025	*Li2 Structures and Meanings*, Part I Linguistics Tripos.
2024-2025	*Li8 Morphology*, Part IIB Linguistics Tripos.
2024-2025	*Li11 Historical Linguistics*, Part IIA/B Linguistics Tripos.

Undergraduate Exam Marker

2025	*Li8 Morphology*, Part IIB Linguistics Tripos.

Guest lectures

2024	*Syntax* (Module 1, Session 4) of the MSt in English Language Assessment (Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge).

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Editorial experience

2023-	**Co-editor** of the Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics (COPiL).
2023-2024	(*ad hoc*) **Associate Copyeditor** at the Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (JoULAB)
2023-2024	**Associate Editor (Academic)** at the Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (JoULAB)
2022-2023	**Associate Editor (Production)** at the Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (JoULAB)

Edited volumes

2025	Núria Bosch, Steph Cooper, Yiyang Guo, Nina Haket & Yutong Wang (Eds.), *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics*, 17.
2024	Ema Banerjee, Núria Bosch, Steph Cooper & Nina Haket (Eds.), *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics*, 16.

Committees

2025-	**Social Media Coordinator** of the Cambridge University Catalan Society (CUCAT)
2024-2025	**Vice-President** of the Cambridge University Catalan Society (CUCAT)
2023-	**Secretary** at the Cambridge University Linguistics Society (CU LingSoc)
2023-2024	**Commitee Member** at the Cambridge University Catalan Society (CUCAT)
2021-2023	**President** of the St John's College Linguistics Society
2021-2022	**Representative for Linguistics Part IIB** at the Staff-Student Liaison Committee (Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics, University of Cambridge)

Reviewing

Abstracts	Annual Conference of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (2023, 2024, 2025)
Papers	Linguistik Aktuell (2025), Proceedings of ConSOLE32 (2024), Journal of the Undergraduate Association of Britain (2024).

Undergraduate Admissions

2024	**Undergraduate Admissions Exam Marker** for Linguistics at Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics (University of Cambridge)
2024	**Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer** for Linguistics at Churchill, Magdalene, Peterhouse and Robinson Colleges (University of Cambridge)

Access and outreach

2019-	**Student Ambassador** for St John's College and the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics (University of Cambridge)
2020-2023	**CambTweet Linguistics Representative**, Linguistics and MPhil outreach Twitter account manager (University of Cambridge)

Conferences

2021	**Student helper** for LAGB Annual Meeting 2021
2020-2021	**Student helper and webmaster** for Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 9 Part I and II

Workshops and Panels

Aug 2023	**Speaker** at *JoULAB panel* on undergraduate publishing and reviewing at the 2023 LAGB Summer School.
Mar 2023	**Lead organiser** for *Careers for Linguists Panel*, with St John's Linguistics Society and Cambridge Linguistics Society.
Feb 2022	**Lead organiser and teacher** for *LaTeX for Linguists Workshop*, with St John's Linguistics Society and CamTeX Society.

Reading groups

2023-	**Co-organiser** of Historical Linguistics Reading Group (Theme: Language Acquisition and Change), with Marieke Meelen and Sarah Gordon (University of Cambridge).

SKILLS

Programming, IT & design

DATA ANALYSIS	Python (familiar with NLTK, spaCy), TalkBank CLAN, Phon (PhonBank), R, Stata.
EXPERIMENTAL	Gorilla
WEB DEVELOPMENT	HTML, CSS, JavaScript (basic), WordPress
TYPE-SETTING	LaTeX, beamer
VIDEO EDITING	Final Cut Pro
GRAPHIC DESIGN	Canva, PhotoScape, Adobe InDesign

Languages

NATIVE	Catalan
	Spanish
PROFICIENT	English (C2)
INTERMEDIATE	German (B1)
BEGINNER	Dutch
	Italian
PHILOLOGY	Latin
LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES	Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE, C2 - Grade B 216/230, equivalent to IELTS 9.0 score; issued in 2018)
	Goethe-Zertifikat B1 (91%; issued in 2019)