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RESEARCH TOPICS

- language typology
- language variation & change
- psycholinguistics
- categorisation in language & cognition
- gender & classifiers
- Papuan languages & linguistics
- morphology & syntax



S. Fedden on fieldwork in Papua New Guinea in 2004 (© S. Fedden)

PROJECTS

- 2023- The phonetics of Mian, a Papuan language of New Guinea. Phonetic analysis of the Mian language with Marija Tabain (La Trobe University, Melbourne)
- 2021-24 Complex Predicates in Languages: Emergence, Typology, Evolution (comCOMPLETE), binational project ANR-DFG; CNRS, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz).
- 2020-21 Valorisation du corpus de langue mian, au travers de la Collection Pangloss, Labex-EFL Action Défis sociétaux (Défi des langues minoritaires et des langues en danger).
- 2020 Arguments and agreement in Mian discourse, Labex-EFL Axe 3 Typologie des systèmes flexionnels à flexion non canonique.
- 2018-23 Optimal Categorisation: the origin and nature of gender from a psycholinguistic perspective (ESRC UK Grant RN0362A; University of Surrey).
- 2018 New approaches to the typology of inflection systems, Fédération typologie et universaux linguistiques.
- 2015 Incomplete systems: Evidence from sporadic agreement, Research Incubator grant, University of Sydney.
- 2014-17 Grammar Matrix Reloaded: Syntax and Semantics of Affectedness" (MOE2013-T2-1-016; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore).
- 2013-16 Combining gender and classifiers in natural language (AHRC UK Grant AH/K003194/1; University of Surrey).
- 2009-12 Alor-Pantar languages: origins and theoretical impact (AHRC UK Grant AH/H500251/1; University of Surrey).



S. Fedden teaching at *Fieldling* summer school in Paris in 2022 (© M. Tang)

TEACHING

I teach a wide range of courses in the linguistics curriculum including: typology, morphology, cognitive linguistics, Papuan languages, grammaticography, areal linguistics, sociolinguistics.

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CURRICULUM VITÆ

- 2023-24 Vertretungsprofessor Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- 2022-23 Guest professor at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich
- Since 2016 Professor of Linguistics at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris/LACITO
- 2016 Habilitation à diriger des recherches (HDR) from the Conseil National des Universités, France
- 2016 Qualification PR (section 7) from the Conseil National des Universités, France
- 2015-16 Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Sydney
- 2009-14 Postdoctoral fellow in the EuroBabel project Alor-Pantar languages: origins and theoretical impact and the AHRC project Combining gender and classifiers in natural language at the Surrey Morphology Group (University of Surrey)
- 2009 Teaching assignment in the Linguistics department at the University of Bochum
- 2007-09 Postdoctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen
- 2007 Ph.D. in Linguistics at the University of Melbourne
- 2002 Magister Artium (M.A.) at Bielefeld University

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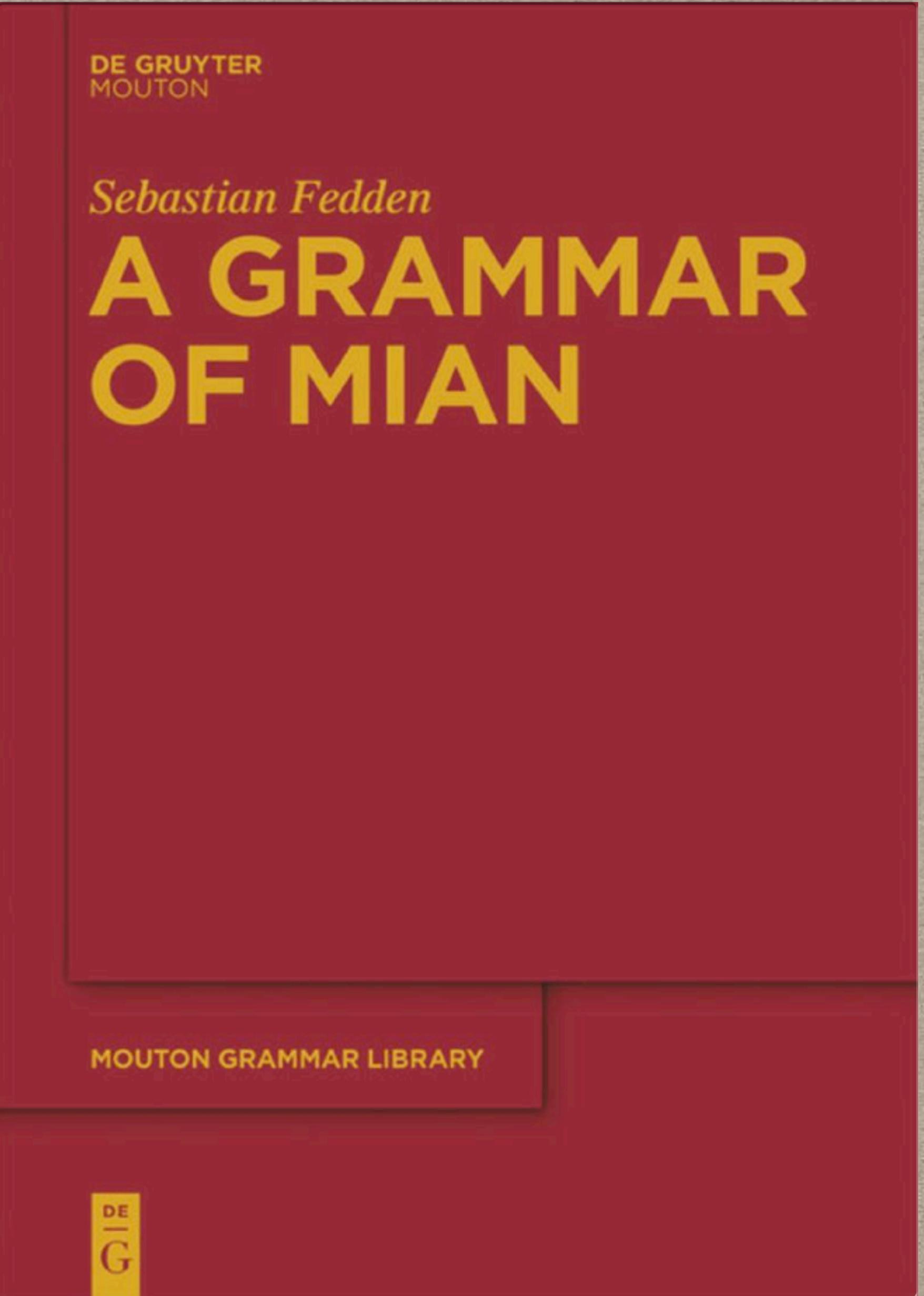
KEYNOTES

- 2021 "Typology meets data-mining: the German gender system" (with Matías Guzmán Naranjo & Greville G. Corbett), 54th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea 2021, SLE 2021 platform.
- 2020 "Gender: New Horizons", Abralin Ao Vivo (with Greville G. Corbett, Michael Franjeh, Alexandra Grandison & Erich Round).
- 2019 "Nominal classification: The usefulness of the Canonical Approach" (with Greville G. Corbett) (22 October 2019), Various Dimensions of Contrastive Studies: Language Contact, Ustroń, Poland (organized by the University of Silesia in Katowice).
- 2019 "Categorization: what languages – and linguists – do with it" (with Greville G. Corbett, Michael Franjeh, Alexandra Grandison & Erich Round), Centre for Language Evolution, University of Edinburgh.
- 2016 "The typology of nominal classification: Australian perspectives and a Canonical Typology approach" (with Greville G. Corbett), Australian Linguistic Society annual conference, Monash University, Melbourne.
- 2016 "The typology of features: what we learn from simple and concurrent systems" (with Greville G. Corbett & Erich R. Round), Syntax of the World's Languages 7, Palacio de la Autonomía, Mexico City.
- 2016 "A new approach to gender and classifier systems: Evidence from Austronesian and Papuan languages" (with Greville G. Corbett), 8th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, SOAS London.
- 2013 "Mian for typologists – the essentials". Plenary talk (Georg von der Gabelentz Award), 10th Biennial Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology 10, Leipzig.
- 2012 "Typological perspectives on number" (with Greville G. Corbett), Workshop "Number and quantity in East Nusantara", 12th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, Udayana University, Denpasar (Bali).
- 2012 "Tone in Ok – a typological comparison", Workshop on Languages in Melanesia, Australian National University Kioloa Campus.

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GABELENTZ AWARD

- My grammar of the Papuan language Mian received the Georg von der Gabelentz Award of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT) in 2013
- This award honours the best grammar published by an academic publisher between 2009 and 2012



Fedden, Sebastian. 2011. *A grammar of Mian*. Mouton Grammar Library 55. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.