

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 (comPLETE), 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).

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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 Franjieh, 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 Franjieh, 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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