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## Résumé

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## Education

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### University of Stuttgart, Germany

Doctoral Student, Linguistics

Defended on September 1, 2023

October 2017- October 2023

#### Thesis Title:

On *shi* and *de* in Mandarin: clefts and beyond

**Supervisor:** Professor Dr. Daniel Hole

**Second Supervisor:** Professor Dr. Edgar Onea

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS)

Summer School

August 2019

### Yale University

M.A., Linguistics

September 2015-June 2017

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Summer Institute

July 2015

### State University of New York at Buffalo

B.A., Linguistics (Honors)

September 2011-June 2015

#### Honors Thesis:

Relative Discourse Prominence Correlates with Semantic Change: Evidence from Chinese

**Supervisor:** Professor Dr. Jürgen Bohnemeyer

### State University of New York at Buffalo

B.S., Economics

September 2010-May 2014

### State University of New York at Buffalo

B.A., Finance

September 2010-May 2014

## Peer-reviewed articles

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- Sentence-final particle *de* in Mandarin as an informativity maximizer (with Sean Papay)  
*ESSLLI Student Session Best Papers Volume* [2023]
- Towards the copular status of clefts– Evidence from diachrony (with Dawei Jin). *Acta Linguistica Academica* Vol. 69: Issue 3. 301-333. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó. [2022]
- Meaning change from superlatives to definite descriptions (with Dawei Jin). In collection of M. Cennamo and C. Fabrizio (Eds.) *Current Issues in Linguistic Theory: Selected papers from*

*the 22nd International Conference on Historical Linguistics*. Vol. 348. 479–500. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. [2019]

- Scalarity, degree reading, and maximality in a Mandarin numeral construction (with Dawei Jin). *Language and Linguistics* Vol. 20: Issue 2. 148-179. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. [2019]
- Meaning Change in Mandarin Chinese: A Numeral Phrase Construction from Adjectives to Superlatives to Definite Descriptions (with Dawei Jin). *Linguistics*, Vol. 56: Issue 3, 599-651. Berlin: de Gruyter. [2018]

## Books

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- Copula in focus constructions - A case study of syntactic change in historical Chinese. (with Dawei Jin) Shanghai: Zhongxi Shuju. [2022]

## Proceeding papers

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- Sentence-final particle *de* in Mandarin as an informativity maximizer (With Sean Papay). In D. Gutzmann and S. Repp (Eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung*. Vol. 26. Cologne. [2021]
- Towards the biclausal status of Chinese clefts: Evidence from diachrony. (With Dawei Jin). In J. Benz and Y. Chen (Eds.) *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics (PWPL)* Vol. 28: Issue 1. [2021]
- Sentence-final *de* in Mandarin as an informativity maximizer (with Sean Papay) In M. Y. Pedersen and A. Pavlova (Eds.) *Proceedings of 32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) 2021 Student Session*. 75-83. [2021]
- Towards a copular approach to Chinese clefts—Evidence from diachronic syntax. *Proceedings of 29th European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) 2017 Student Session*. [2017]
- Meaning Change from Superlatives to Definite Descriptions: A Semantic Perspective. In J. Kantarovich, T. Truong, and O. Xherija (Eds.) *Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistics Society* 52. 117-131. [2017]
- Discourse Prominence Induces Semantic Change: Evidence from Chinese, In S. Cho (Eds.) *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*: Vol. 22: Issue 1, Article 9. [2016]

## Awards

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- ESSLLI 2017 Student Grant
- Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB) 2017 Bursary
- Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute 2015 Fellowship
- University at Buffalo Undergraduate Research Excellence Award

## Conference Presentations

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- **Reassessing the argument-adjunct asymmetry in wh-in-situ islands in Mandarin: An experimental investigation**  
*Theoretical East Asian Linguistics workshop*, Taipei, May 16-18, 2023
- **Complex NP island effects are stronger in why-questions: An experimental study**  
*Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), Annual Meeting*, United Kingdom, September 6-9, 2021
- **Sentence-final particle *de* in Mandarin as an informativity maximizer**  
*Sinn und Bedeutung 26, University of Cologne, Germany*, September 08-10, 2021
- **Sentence-final *de* in Mandarin as an informativity maximizer**  
*Student Session of 32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESLLI)* August, 4-6, 2021
- **The Mandarin Chinese *shi...de* construction: Its syntax, semantics and division of labor**  
*Kleinwalsertal Retreat, SFB 732: Incremental Specification in Context Integrated Research Training Group*, University of Stuttgart, Germany, July 01-02, 2021
- **Towards the biclausal status of Chinese clefts: Evidence from diachrony**  
*Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC) 45*, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 19-21, 2021.
- **Sentence-final *de* does not contribute to cleft exhaustivity in Mandarin Chinese**  
*Focus Alternatives: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives (FATEP)*, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, Feb. 22-23, 2020
- **Toward the copular status of Chinese clefts– Evidence from diachronic syntax**  
*The 12th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL-12)*, University of Macau, China, Jul. 9-10, 2019
- **Locus of the exhaustiveness reading in Chinese cleft sentences**  
*Exhaustivity in Questions and Answers - Experimental and theoretical approaches*, Tübingen University, Germany, 13.-14. June 2019
- **Experimental Investigation of cleft exhaustivity**  
*Retreat for Students in Semantics and Pragmatics (ReSSP 2018)*. Olot, Spain, 5-7 October 2018
- **An experimental investigation of exhaustivity and its trigger in Mandarin focus constructions**  
*Kleinwalsertal Retreat, SFB 732: Incremental Specification in Context Integrated Research Training Group*, University of Stuttgart, Germany, June 14-16, 2018
- **Copula and cleft constructions in ancient Chinese– A case study of the diachronic development of three copulas**  
*Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), Annual Meeting*, University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom, September 4-7, 2017
- **Towards a copular approach to Chinese clefts—Evidence from diachronic syntax.**  
*2017 European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESLLI) Student Session*, University of Toulouse, Toulouse, France, July 17-28, 2017

- **Toward a presuppositional account of the Cantonese cleft construction**

*25th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL 25)*, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, June 25- 27, 2017

- **Negative Islands and Indefinite Constraints on Mandarin Chinese Sentence-Final *Le***

*the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL) Annual Conference*, Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China, July 17-19, 2016

- **Meaning Change from Superlatives to Deinite Descriptions: A Semantic Perspective**

*Chicago Linguistics Society 52*, April 21-23, 2016

- **Formal Semantics Meets Grammaticalization: A compositional account of the meaning change in Chinese quantificational NP (Cancelled)**

*the 9th Conference of the European Association of Chinese Linguistics (EACL 9)*, University of Stuttgart, Germany, September 24-26, 2015

- **Discourse Prominence and Semantic Bleaching: A functional explanation of the superlative-definiteness pathway in Chinese**

*the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL) Annual Conference*, Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea Republic, August, 2015

- **Discourse Prominence and Semantic Bleaching: A functional explanation of the superlative-definiteness pathway in Chinese**

*International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL)*, University of Naples, Naples, July 2015

- **Discourse Prominence and Semantic Bleaching: A functional explanation of the superlative-definiteness pathway in Chinese**

*Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC) 39*, University of Pennsylvania, April 2015

- **Numeral Nominal Phrase as a Special Case of Referring Expressions** *Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium (UnderLing)*, April 2014

## Teaching (2017-)

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- Semantics I
- Stepping into Minimalist Syntax: from basics to interfaces (Syntax Seminar)
- Typology I
- Reading, writing and presenting
- Syntax I
- Information structure
- Contrastive linguistics: Chinese
- Structural courses: Chinese

## Academic Service

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- Ad hoc reviewing for *Journal of Linguistics*
- *Generative Grammar in the South (GGS) Workshop*, May 19-21, 2022, University of Stuttgart (co-organizer)
- *Multiple questions about sluicing Workshop* (co-organizer)
- Monday Colloquia Series, Department of Linguistics, Yale University (co-organizer)
- Friday Lunch Talk Series, Department of Linguistics, Yale University (co-organizer)

## Membership

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Linguistics Society of America (LSA)  
Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS)  
Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)

## Fieldwork

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### Fieldwork on Binyang Ping

*Binyang, Guangxi Province, China*

2016

### Fieldwork on Miyako Ryukyuan

*Miyako Island, Okinawa, Japan*

2014

Organized by Institute on *Collaborative Language Research (CoLang)* and the *Linguistics Dynamics Project*, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

## Skills

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### Natural Languages

- Mandarin (native)
- English (fluent)
- Japanese (fluent)
- German (fluent)
- Cantonese (conversational)

### Programming Languages

- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- R
- Python
- HTML

## Internships

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- Linguistic consultant, Raydon Corporation. [2017]
  - Checking for cultural appropriateness of product content.
  - Co-designing conversational scenarios in authentic Chinese language settings.
  - Providing support to other functional groups to ensure authenticity.
  - Providing additional translation tasks.
- Translator, Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman LLP. [2016]
  - Translating legal documents and conversational materials from Japanese to English.
  - Proofreading translations by others.
- Intern at the auditing department, KPMG [2014]
  - Completed a detailed semiannual analytical report of auditing within a team.
  - Coordinating schedules for group meetings of marketing department heads of the auditing section.