

Curriculum Vitae



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Current Position

04/08 to current Chair of German Linguistics of the German Department, University of Bayreuth

Areas of expertise

Applied Linguistics, Medical Communication, Conversation Analysis & Interactional Linguistics, Intercultural Communication, Grammar of Spoken Language

Academic Formation

- 10/06–04/08 Research Associate, Project: *Subjektive Krankheitstheorien im Gespräch* (Subjective Illness Theories in Interactions) at the University of Freiburg, funded by the German Research Foundations
- 07/2007 Habilitation at the philological Faculty, University of Freiburg, Title: *Relativ(satz)konstruktionen im gesprochenen Deutsch: Syntaktische, prosodische, semantische und pragmatische Aspekte* (Relative Clause Constructions in Spoken German: Syntactic, Prosodic, Semantic and Pragmatic Aspects)
- 06/99–09/06 Research Associate at the German Department, University of Freiburg (Chair: Prof. Peter Auer)
- 09/99 Doctorate student at the German Department at the University of Hamburg, phd thesis: *Ost- und Westdeutsche im Bewerbungsgespräch. Eine kommunikative Gattung in Zeiten gesellschaftlichen Wandels* (East and West Germans in job interviews. A communicative genre in times of social change) Final grade: excellent
- 11/94–12/98 Research Associate, Project: *Alltagsrhetorik von Ost- und Westdeutschen in Bewerbungsgesprächen* (Daily rhetoric of East and West Germans during job interviews) at the Department of German Studies at the University of Hamburg

and the German Department at the University of Freiburg, Supervisor: Prof. Peter Auer

- 06/93–04/94 Research Associate, Project: *Erweiterung sozialer Kompetenz von Jungen und Mädchen* (Enhancement of social skills in boys and girls) at the Department of Education, University of Bielefeld, Supervisor: Ilse Brehmer
- 06/91–05/92 Research Associate, German Research Foundation's (DFG) Project *P-MoLL* (Language acquisition of Polish immigrants) at the Department for German Studies, FU Berlin, Supervisor: Prof. Norbert Dittmar
- 10/92–09/94 Graduate Certificate Program *German as a foreign language*, University of Bielefeld. Final grade: excellent
- 03/91 Graduation (Magistra Artium). Title: *Konversation im Sprachkontakt. Zur Verständnisherstellung zwischen Muttersprachlern und Lernern des Deutschen* (Conversations within language contact. Establishing an understanding between native speakers and German language learners), Supervisor: Prof. Norbert Dittmar, Free University Berlin. Final grade: excellent

Research & Collaborations

- 2021–2022 funding of a Georg Forster-fellowship for Dr. Ahmad Izadi, Iran. Topic: Doctor-patient interactions in Iran: the co-construction of asymmetries in talk in secondary care medical consultations
- 2020–2023 funding of a Research Cooperation by the AvH-Foundation with Dr. Stephen Akinola Odebunmi, Department of English, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Topic: Interactive Dynamics and Contexts of Nigerian and German Doctor-Patient-Encounters
- 2019 participation in a delegation trip of the University of Bayreuth to Cuba, 24.02.-03.03.2019
- 02/17–03/17 Short Term Lecturership at the University of Havana, Cuba, funded by DAAD
- 2015 to current Member of the selection committee of the scholarship foundation Ev. Studienwerk Villigst
- 2015 to current Member of the "Transdisciplinary Research Network 'Videoanalysis of Religious Practice'", Theology, Sociology and Linguistics at the universities of Bayreuth, Frankfurt and Bern
- 2012–2014 Member of the German Research Foundation's (DFG) network *Multimodality*
- 03/11–09/12 External Fellow at the Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS), Project: *'Action' in Conversation Analysis*
- 2004–2006 Participation in the interdisciplinary project *Zur Entwicklung eines gemeinsamen Schmerzverständnisses im psychotherapeutischen Gespräch mit somatoformen Patienten* (On the development of a common understanding of pain in

conversation with patients suffering from somatoform disorders) with Prof. Peter Auer, German Department (chair), Anne Stresing, German Department, OA Dr. Kurt Fritzsche, University Medical Center of Freiburg, Department of psychosomatics and psychotherapeutical medicine

- 2006 – 2008 Member of the German Research Foundation's (DFG) network *Construction Grammar*
- 2000 - 2008 Participation in the research project *Krankengeschichten von Patientinnen mit chronischen Gesichtsschmerzen. Eine interdisziplinäre Untersuchung von Linguistik und Zahnmedizin* (Illness narratives of patients suffering from chronic facial pain. An interdisciplinary analysis of linguistics and dentistry), with OA Dr. Jens Türp, Fabian Overlach, external funding by the University of Freiburg, funding pool for temporary research projects (term: 2000 – 2001); Fabian Overlach (2008) *Sprache des Schmerzes – Sprechen über Schmerzen. Eine grammatisch-semantische und gesprächsanalytische Untersuchung von Schmerzausdrücken im Deutschen* (Language of Pain – Talking about Pain. A Grammatical-Semantic and Conversation-analytic Study of Pain Expressions in German)

Further Activities (Selection)

- 2015 to current Member of the selection committee of the scholarship foundation Ev. Studienwerk Villigst
- 10/18 to current Vice Gender representative at the University of Bayreuth
- 10/14–09/18 Gender representative at the University of Bayreuth
- 10/11–9/14 Vice Gender representative at the University of Bayreuth
- 2004 to current GAL e.V. (German Society of Applied Linguistics) Vice president (since 2014), Further member (2012-2014), Head of the section Conversation Analysis/ Member of the advisory board (2004–2010), part of the organization team of Aila 2008 (amongst others: program committee: organization of the review process etc.) (2006 - 2008)
- 2009–2017 Chairwomen of "Gesprächsforschung e.V." (Conversation analysis) (2013-2017), Vice Chairwomen (04/2009 – 04/2013)
- 2011 to current Conception and Member of the doctoral program "Kommunikative Konstruktion von Wissen" (Communicative Construction of Knowledge), Departments IV and V, University of Bayreuth <http://www.kkw.uni-bayreuth.de>
- 09/11 Organizer of the Annual Conference of the GAL e.V. (German Society of Applied Linguistics) 2011 in Bayreuth (09/22 - 09/13/2011)
- 10/10 Workshop Linguistic Research on HIV in Bayreuth (with Prof. Dr. Odeunmi as invited speaker)

- 10/10 to current Co-editor of the pre-publication series INLIST <http://www.inlist.uni-bayreuth.de> (with Peter Auer, Susanne Günthner, Margret Selting, Elisabeth Couper-Kuhlen, Arnulf Deppermann)
- 05/07 Organization of the 40th meeting of the Arbeitskreis Angewandte Gesprächsforschung (Research Group Applied Conversation Research) in Freiburg. Topic: Working with transcripts in practice (with Anja Stukenbrock)
- 11/2007 Scientist Exchange within the partnership program with the Charles University in Prague

Relevant Publications (Selection)

- 2020 (with Auer, Peter; Bauer, Angelika; Kotthoff, Helga) *Einführung in die Konversationsanalyse* (Introduction to Conversation Analysis). Berlin: de Gruyter. (expected: 2018)
- 2019 (with Janich, Nina) *Handbuch Text und Gespräch* (Handbook Text and Dialog). Berlin et al.: De Gruyter-
- 2017 *Erzählen im Arzt/Patient-Gespräch* (Narratives in Doctor/Patient-Consultations). In: Martin Huber; Schmid, Wolf (eds.) *Grundthemen der Literaturwissenschaft: Erzählen*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 547-566.
- 2016 (with Burbaum, Christina) *Nichtwissen als interaktive Ressource in Therapiegesprächen* (Non-knowledge as an Interactive Tessorce during Therapy Sessions). In: Groß, Alexandra; Harren, Inga (eds.) *Wissen in institutioneller Interaktion*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 83-112.
- 2015 *Wiedererzählte Krankheitsnarrative im Vergleich: Zwischen Variabilität und Geronnenheit* (Retold Illness Narratives in Comparison: Between Variability and Fixation). In: Schumann, Elke; Gülich, Elisabeth; Lucius-Hoene, Gabriele; Pfänder, Stefan (eds.) *Wiedererzählen: Formen und Funktionen einer kulturellen Praxis*. Bielefeld: transcript, 269-294.
- 2015 (with Vlassenko, Ivan) *Subjektive Theorien zu Krankheit und Gesundheit* (Subjective Theories on Illness and Health). In: Busch, Albert; Spranz-Fogasy, Thomas (eds.) *Handbuch Sprache in der Medizin*. Berlin u.a.: de Gruyter, 135-153.
- 2013 *Erzählfragmente: narrative Funktionalisierungen zur Lösung der schweren Beschreibbarkeit von Schmerzempfindungen* (Narrative Fragments: Narrative Functionalization as a Solution to the Difficulties in Describing Sensations of Pain). In: Hartung, Martin; Deppermann, Arnulf (eds.) *Gesprochenes und Geschriebenes im Wandel der Zeit: Festschrift für Johannes Schwitalla*. Mannheim: Verlag für Gesprächsforschung, 82-98.
<http://www.verlag-gespraechsforschung.de/2013/pdf/festschrift-schwitalla.pdf>
- 2013 (with Burbaum, Christina) *Suchbewegungen im Therapiegespräch: Formen der interaktiven Bearbeitung von Kausalattributionen* (Exploratory Movements in the Therapeutic Session. Procedures of Interactive Causal Attribution Processing). In: *Interaction and Linguistic Studies* 53, 1-56.
<http://www.inlist.uni-bayreuth.de/issues/53/>

- 2013 (with Ehmer, Oliver) *Veranschaulichungsverfahren* (Methods of Verbal Illustration). Mannheim: Verlag für Gesprächsforschung.
- 2011b (with Stukenbrock, Anja) *Multimodale Ressourcen für Stadtführungen* (Multimodal Resources for City Tours). In: Costa, Marcella; Müller-Jacquier, Bernd (eds.) *Deutschland als fremde Kultur: Vermittlungsverfahren in Touristenführungen*. iudicum, München, 214-243.
- 2011 *Multimodal Laughing: Comments on Cecilia Ford and Barbara Fox 'Multiple Practices for Constructing Laughables'*. In: Barth-Weingarten, Dagmar; Reber, Elisabeth; Selting, Margret (eds.) *Prosody in Interaction*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: Benjamins, 369-372.
- 2011 (with Meer, Dorothee) *Kommunikative Verfahren und institutionalisierter Alltag: Mündlichkeit und Schriftlichkeit in unterschiedlichen gesellschaftlichen Praxisbereichen* (Communicative Procedures and Institutionalized Daily Routines). Mannheim: Verlag für Gesprächsforschung.
- 2009 (with Stukenbrock, Anja) *Arbeit mit Transkripten in der Praxis: Forschung, Lehre und Fortbildung* (Working with Transcripts in Practice: Research, Teachings and Advanced Education). Mannheim: Verlag für Gesprächsforschung.
- 2009 (with Auer, Peter; Selting, Margret, et al.) *Gesprächsanalytisches Transkriptionssystem 2 (GAT 2)* (A System for Transcribing Talk-in-Interaction). In: *Online-Zeitschrift zur verbalen Interaktion* 10, 223-272. www.gespraechsforschung-ozs.de
- 2006 *Subjektive Krankheitstheorien im Gespräch* (Subjective Illness Theories in Conversation). In: *Gesprächsforschung – Online-Zeitschrift zur verbalen Interaktion* 7, 152-183. www.gespraechsforschung-ozs.de
- 2004 (with Kreissl, Marion E.; Overlach, Fabian; Türp, Jens C.) *Das zahnärztliche Erstgespräch bei Patientinnen mit chronischen Gesichtsschmerzen* (First Visits at the Dentist with Patients Suffering from Chronic Facial Pain). In: *Schmerz* 18/4, 266-289.
- 2001 *Ost- und Westdeutsche im Bewerbungsgespräch. Eine kommunikative Gattung in Zeiten gesellschaftlichen Wandels* (East and West Germans in Job interviews. A Communicative Genre in Times of Social Change). Tübingen: Niemeyer.