

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2. EDUCATION

1997-2003	MA	Universität Hamburg
2003-2007	PhD	Rice University, Dept. of Linguistics
2007-2008	Postdoc	International Computer Science Institute, Berkeley

3. EMPLOYMENT

2008-2012	Junior Fellow	Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies
2012	Habilitation	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg Venia legendi: English Philology
2012-2015	Professeur Assistant	Université de Neuchâtel
2015-	Professeur Ordinaire	Université de Neuchâtel

4. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2012-2020	Head of the Institut de Langue et Littérature Anglaises, Université de Neuchâtel
2020-	Vice-Recteur Enseignement, Université de Neuchâtel

5. APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

2013	Swiss National Science Foundation Grant 100015_149176/1 (Why is there regularity in grammatical semantic change? Reassessing the power of asymmetric priming. CHF 189,000)
2014	Cogito Foundation Grant 14-132-R (Opinion profile construction from social media. A case of study of restaurant reviews, Co-PI with Prof. Hatem Ghorbel, HE-ARC. CHF 48,000)
2016	Swiss National Science Foundation Grant 100012L/169490/1 (Re-thinking English Modal Constructions: From feature-based paradigms to usage-based probabilistic representations. CHF 329,920)
2016	Swiss National Science Foundation Grant IZSEZO_180609 (Conference funding for ICAME 40. CHF 10,880)
2019	Swiss National Science Foundation Grant 100015_188788 (Clipping in a cross-linguistic perspective, CHF 595,000)

6. DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

2008-2012	Florent Perek (Freiburg): <i>Verbs, Constructions, Alternations. Usage-based perspectives on argument realization</i> . Co-tutelle with Univ. Lille-3.
2012-2016	Stephanie Horch (Freiburg): <i>Conversion and Compounding in the New Englishes - Frequency Effects in Language Contact</i>
2013-2017	Annette Fahrner (Freiburg): <i>Frequency Effects in the Use of the German Pronoun 'es' in SLA</i>

- 2014-2019 David Correia-Saavedra (Neuchâtel): *Asymmetric Priming and its role in grammatical semantic change*
- 2015-2020 Samuel Bourgeois (Neuchâtel): *How Discourse Markers enter Written Genres: The Colloquialization Effect*

7. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2012- Courses on English Linguistics, Cognitive Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, Bilingualism, Varieties of English, Construction Grammar, Research Methods, Language Change, Corpus Linguistics, and other topics.

8. EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES AND PEER REVIEW

- Editor *Functions of Language* (2013-)
- Associate Editor *Cognitive Linguistics* (2017-)
- Editorial board *English Language and Linguistics* (2012-22)
Constructions and Frames (2009-)
- Advisory board (book series) *Corpus Linguistics and Interdisc. Perspectives on Language* (2012-)
Cognitive Linguistics in Practice (2011-)
Human Cognitive Processing (2010-)

Regular peer review for >30 journals, publishing houses, and funding agencies (including SNF, ERC, DFG, ANR).

9. MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

SLE (Societas Linguistica Europaea), ISLE (International Society for the Linguistics of English), SAUTE (Swiss Association of University Teachers of English)

10. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- 2012 5th International Conference of the DGKL-GCLA
- 2012 11th International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics
- 2017 SAUTE conference "The challenge of change"
- 2017 SLE doctoral summer school
- 2019 40th ICAME Conference

11. PRIZES

- 2018 Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching

12. PLENARY LECTURES

- 2016 Plenary lecture at ICCG-9, University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil
- 2017 Presidential lecture at SLE-50, Zurich University, Switzerland
- 2017 Plenary lecture at BICLCE-7, Vigo University, Spain
- 2017 Plenary lecture at PLCA, University of Rzeszów, Poland
- 2018 Plenary lecture at ICCG-10, Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France
- 2018 Plenary lecture at ICAME-39, Tampere University, Finland
- 2019 Plenary lecture at ICLC-15, Nishinomiya, Japan.
- 2020 Plenary lecture at the 21st Chinese Lexical Semantics Workshop

- 2020 Plenary lecture at the International Conference on English Linguistics, Seoul.
 2021 Plenary lecture at the Japanese Cognitive Linguistics Association.
 2022 Plenary lecture at ISTAL-25, Thessaloniki, Greece.

PUBLICATIONS (2016-2022)

- 2022a. With Florent Perek. You don't get to see that every day: On the development of permissive *get*. *Constructions and Frames* 14/1, 14-41.
 2022b. With Susanne Flach. A case of constructional contamination in English: Modified noun phrases influence adverb placement in the passive. In Krawczak, Karolina, Barbara Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk and Marcin Grygiel (eds.), *Analogy and Contrast in Language: Perspectives from cognitive linguistics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2021a. Information structure. In Bas Aarts, April MacMahon, and Lars Hinrichs (eds.), *Handbook of English Linguistics*. New York: Wiley, 229-248.
 2021b. With Dámian E. Blasi. Fixed-effects regression modeling. In Magali Paquot and Stefan Th. Gries (eds.), *A practical handbook of corpus linguistics*. Berlin and New York: Springer, 505-534.
 2021c. [Ten Lectures on Diachronic Construction Grammar](#). Leiden: Brill.
 2021d. With David Correia Saavedra and Jennifer Rains. A multivariate approach to English clippings. *Glossa* 6/1. [Open Access download](#).
- 2020a. Constructional approaches. In Bas Aarts, Jill Bowie and Gergana Popova (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of English Grammar* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 106-123.
 2020b. The great temptation: What diachronic corpus data do and do not reveal about social change. In Paula Rautioaho, Arja Nurmi and Juhani Klemola (eds.), *Corpora and the Changing Society: Studies in the Evolution of English*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 3-28.
 2020c. With Samuel Bourgeois. Intersubjectification in constructional change: From confrontation to solidarity in the "Sarcastic much?" construction. *Constructions and Frames* 12/1, 96-120.
 2020d. With Susanne Flach. [Disentangling modal meanings with distributional semantics](#). *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*.
- 2019a. [Lexicalization in morphology](#). Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics. Oxford University Press.
 2019b. [Construction Grammar and its application to English](#). Second edition. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
 2019c. Higher-order schemas in morphology: What they are, how they work, and where to find them. *Word Structure* 12/3, 261-273.
- 2018a. Wie viele Konstruktionen stecken in einem Wortbildungsmuster? Eine Problematisierung des Produktivitätsbegriffs aus konstruktionsgrammatischer Sicht. In Stefan Engelberg, Henning Lobin, Kathrin Steyer, und Sascha Wolfer (eds.), *IDS Jahrbuch 2017*. Berlin: de Gruyter.
 2018b. Three open questions in Diachronic Construction Grammar. In Evie Coussé, Peter Andersson, and Joel Olofsson (eds.), *Grammaticalization meets Construction Grammar*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 21-39.
 2018c. With Margaret Tudeau-Clayton. *The Challenge of Change*. Swiss Papers in English Language and Linguistics, Vol. 36. Tübingen: Narr.
- 2017a. With Holger Diessel. Entrenchment in construction grammar. In Hans-Jörg Schmid (ed.), *Entrenchment and the psychology of language learning: How we reorganize and adapt linguistic knowledge*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 57-74.

- 2017b. With David Correia Saavedra. [The unidirectionality of semantic changes in grammaticalization: An experimental approach to the asymmetric priming hypothesis](#). *English Language and Linguistics*.
- 2017c. With Christoph Rühlemann. Colloquialization in journalistic writing: Investigating inserts in TIME magazine with a focus on *well*. *Journal of Historical Pragmatics* 18/1.
- 2017d. Psycholinguistic perspectives. In Laurel Brinton (ed.) *English Historical Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 70-95.
- 2017e. Frequencies in diachronic corpora and knowledge of language. In Marianne Hundt, Simone Pfenninger, and Sandra Mollin (eds.), *The Changing English Language - Psycholinguistic Perspectives*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 49-68.
- 2017f. With David Correia Saavedra. Why are grammatical elements more evenly dispersed than lexical elements? Assessing the roles of frequency and semantic generality. *Corpora* 12/3, 369-392.
- 2017g. With David Correia Saavedra. Using token-based semantic vector spaces for corpus-linguistic analyses: From practical applications to tests of theoretical claims. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*
- 2017h. Text frequency does not correlate with priming sensitivity. A response to De Smet and Van de Velde. *English Language and Linguistics* 21/2, 341-347.
- 2017i. Historical Sociolinguistics and Construction Grammar: From mutual challenges to mutual benefits. In Säily, Tanja, Arja Nurmi, Minna Palander-Collin & Anita Auer (eds.) 2017. *Exploring Future Paths for Historical Sociolinguistics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 217-237.
- 2017j. With Florent Perek. A distributional semantic approach to the periodization of change in the productivity of constructions. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 22/4, 490-520.
- 2016a. With Stefan Th. Gries. Quantitative approaches to diachronic corpus linguistics. In Merja Kytö and Paivi Pahta (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of English Historical Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 36-53.
- 2016b. With Hubert Cuyckens. How do corpus-based techniques advance description and theory in English historical linguistics? An introduction to the special issue. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory* 12/1, 1-6.
- 2016c. [Change in modal meanings: Another look at the shifting collocates of may](#). *Constructions and Frames* 8/1, 66-85.
- 2016d. With Malgorzata Fabiszak and Karolina Krawczak. Usage-based cognitive-functional linguistics: From theory to method and back again. *Folia Linguistica* 50/2, 345-354.
- 2016e. With Karolina Krawczak and Malgorzata Fabiszak. A corpus-based, cross-linguistic approach to mental predicates and their complementation: Performativity and descriptivity vis-à-vis boundedness and picturability. *Folia Linguistica* 50/2, 475-506.
- 2016f. With Holger Diessel. [Frequency effects in grammar](#). In Mark Aronoff (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

MAJOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS (2014-2022)

In the last eight years, I have been able to pursue and develop my research in three different ways. The first of these is related to the theoretical outlook of my work, which draws on usage-based linguistics and specifically the framework of Construction Grammar. In 2014, I have published a textbook on Construction Grammar. The book has been used in seminars on the subject at universities in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. It has been translated into Chinese (Peking University Press, 2016), and a second, extended edition was published by Edinburgh University Press in 2019. Writing the book has made me reflect on my personal theoretical views, which I have worked out in more detail in my article publications "Historical Sociolinguistics and Construction Grammar: From mutual challenges to mutual benefits" (Hilpert 2017) and "Three open questions in Diachronic Construction Grammar" (Hilpert 2018).

The second area of research that has shaped my work over the past years is the development of new corpus-based methodologies for the analysis of theoretically motivated questions. Within the scope of two SNF-funded projects, I have explored how methods such as semantic vector space modelling can be applied to questions of theoretical significance. The results of this work have been published in articles that I have co-authored with David Correia Saavedra (Hilpert & Correia Saavedra 2017a, 2017b, 2017c) and with my former doctoral student Florent Perek (Hilpert & Perek 2015). It is fair to say that this research has contributed to the popularization of distributional semantic methods that can be observed in current corpus-linguistic research.

The third aspect that I would like to mention is that my work regularly combines experimental, psycholinguistic approaches with corpus-based approaches. The proposed project will continue this approach, which aims to bring together different methodologies and different ways of looking at language. Publications such as Perek & Hilpert (2014) or Hilpert & Correia Saavedra (2017a) show the potential that can be unlocked by drawing on converging evidence from experimental and corpus-based data.

Besides developing my own research agenda, the last years have also been a period in which I have been actively involved in the supervision of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers. Two dissertations under my guidance have been brought to completion at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau. David Correia Saavedra and Samuel Bourgeois have defended their dissertations in 2019 and 2020. Dr. Susanne Flach, who has been working with me as a postdoc, has obtained an SNF Ambizione project. She has also written several articles that were accepted by prestigious journals.

Another aspect of my scientific activity that I value highly is my involvement with the journals *Functions of Language* and *Cognitive Linguistics*. I am one of the main editors of the former and an associate editor for the latter. Both journals are competitive and have a high volume of submissions, so that my decisions regarding review and acceptance are needed on approximately 90 submissions per year.

Over the past seven years, I have been fortunate to receive a number of unexpected honors. For example, I have had the privilege of serving as president of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* in 2016-2017, and I have received the Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching at my university in 2018. I have also been invited to give plenary lectures in several countries, including China, France, Finland, Japan, Poland, Spain, and Brazil.