

# Mélinda Pozzi PHD ASSISTANT

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## EDUCATION

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- 08.2019 – today      **PhD student** – Cognitive Science  
*University of Neuchâtel* | Advisor: Prof. Diana Mazzarella
- 09.2016 – 08.2018      **Master of Science** – Cognitive Science (magna cum laude)  
*University of Neuchâtel* | Advisor: Prof. Adrian Bangerter
- 09.2013 – 06.2016      **Bachelor of Arts** – Philosophy, Language Sciences, Information and  
Communication Sciences (cum laude)  
*University of Neuchâtel* | Advisor: Prof. Richard Glauser
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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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- 08.2019 – today      **PhD assistant** – *Cognitive Science Center (University of Neuchâtel)*
- 03.2017 – 08.2017      **Research assistant** – *Chair of Applied Linguistics (University of Neuchâtel)*
- 09.2015 – 07.2017      **Monitor** – *Language sciences (University of Neuchâtel)*
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## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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- 04.2023      **Guest lecturer** – Communication and deception (MA), *University of Neuchâtel*
- 10.2022/11.2023      **Guest lecturer** – Experimental pragmatics (MA), *University of Neuchâtel*
- 08.2019 – today      **Seminar assistant** – Lectures dirigées (BA), *University of Neuchâtel*
- 08.2019 – today      **Seminar assistant** – Méthodes expérimentales en sciences de l'information et  
de la communication (BA), *University of Neuchâtel*
- 08.2022 – 08.2023      **Exam expert** – Experimental pragmatics (MA), *University of Neuchâtel*
- 08.2019 – today      **Exam expert** – Pragmatique et cognition (BA), *University of Neuchâtel*
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 09.2018 – 05.2019      **PhD student** – Clinical and Biomedical Sciences (1<sup>st</sup> year)  
*Cognition and Social Interactions Lab, CERVO (Laval University)*

Research on social interactions with schizophrenia and personality disorders  
(Advisor: Prof. Amélie Achim)

08.2017 – 01.2018

**Master's intern**

*Swarm Lab (New Jersey Institute of Technology)*

Modeling and simulating collective behaviors: specialist/generalist workers  
and group performance (Advisor: Prof. Simon Garnier)

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## CONFERENCES

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### PRESENTATIONS

- 11.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, Bangerter, A., & Mazzarella, D. *Does lexical coordination affect epistemic and practical trust? The role of conceptual pacts*. Experimental Pragmatics in Switzerland (XPrag.ch) 2023, Fribourg.
- 09.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, Bangerter, A., & Mazzarella, D. *Does lexical coordination affect epistemic and practical trust? The role of conceptual pacts*. 10th biennial meeting of Experimental Pragmatics (XPrag X), Paris.
- 07.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, Bangerter, A., & Mazzarella, D. *Does lexical coordination affect epistemic and practical trust? The role of conceptual pacts*. Panel: The pragmatics of trusting (artificial) others. 18th International Pragmatics Conference of the International Pragmatics Association (IPrA), Brussels.
- 07.2023 Mazzarella, D., & **Pozzi, M.** *Speaker trustworthiness: shall confidence match evidence?* Panel: Experimental and corpus perspectives on (socio)pragmatics. 18th International Pragmatics Conference of the International Pragmatics Association (IPrA), Brussels.
- 05.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *Speaker trustworthiness: calibrating confidence with evidence*. Trust and Uncertainty: Perspectives from linguistics and literary studies. Biennial conference of the Swiss Association of University Teachers of English (SAUTE), University of Fribourg.
- 10.2022 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *Speaker trustworthiness: calibrating confidence with evidence*. Veille scientifique de la Maison des sciences du langage et de la communication (SCILAC), University of Neuchâtel.
- 07.2022 Dykstra, N., **Pozzi, M.**, & Garnier, S. *Decoupling division of labor and worker expertise in simulated colonies*. 59th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society, online.
- 05.2022 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *Speaker reliability: calibrating confidence with evidence*. Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM) 2, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 02.2022 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *Speaker reliability: calibrating confidence with evidence*. SWISS English Language and Linguistics (SWELL) 2022, University of Basel.
- 11.2021 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *Speaker reliability: shall confidence match evidence?*. Experimental Pragmatics in Switzerland (XPrag.ch) 2022, University of Bern.

- 03.2021 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *The effect of lexical entrainment on epistemic and interpersonal trust*. SWISS English Language and Linguistics (SWELL) 2021, University of Zurich, online.
- 07.2020 Dykstra, N., **Pozzi, M.**, & Garnier, S. *Relative contribution of division of labor and specialization to group efficiency*. 57th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society, online.
- 11.2020 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *The effect of coordination on epistemic and interpersonal trust*. 11th Day of Swiss Linguistics, Swiss Society of Linguistics, University of Fribourg.

## POSTERS

- 10.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, Bangerter, A., & Mazzarella, D. *Does lexical coordination affect epistemic and practical trust? The role of conceptual pacts*. (Mis)alignment in alignment research: a multidisciplinary workshop on alignment in interaction. CONversational BRAIns (COBRA), Laboratoire Parole et Langage, Aix-en-Provence.
- 06.2022 Dykstra, N., **Pozzi, M.**, & Garnier, S. *Decoupling division of labor and worker expertise in simulated colonies*. 10th Social Insects in the North-East RegionS (SINNERS) meeting. New Jersey Institute of Technology, NJ.
- 05.2022 Dykstra, N., **Pozzi, M.**, & Garnier, S. *Decoupling division of labor and worker expertise in simulated colonies*. 17th annual conference on Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics. New Jersey Institute of Technology, NJ.
- 07.2021 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. *The effect of coordination on epistemic and interpersonal trust*. XPRAG.it: Experimental Pragmatics in Italy, University of Turin, online.
- 08.2020 Dykstra, N., **Pozzi, M.**, & Garnier, S. *Relative contribution of division of labor and specialization to group efficiency*. Animal Behaviour Live: Annual Online Conference 2020.
- 09.2019 Achim, A., Thibaudeau, É., Vallée, A., **Pozzi, M.**, Lampron, M., Savard, C. & Haesebaert, F. *Reliability of the Combined Stories Test (COST) and the Social Knowledge Test (SKT) in people with schizophrenia or with a personality disorder*. Congress of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Buffalo, United States of America.
- 05.2019 Thibaudeau, É., Cayouette, A., **Pozzi, M.**, Vallée, A., Demers, G., Haesebaert, F., & Achim, A. *Examen de la fidélité du Test des histoires combinées et du Test des situations chez les personnes composant avec un trouble psychotique*. Soumis au 1er colloque de la branche francophone de l'International Early Psychosis Association, Charlevoix, Canada.

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## WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

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### ATTENDANCE

- 08.2023 – *Python for linguists*, UPgrading the SKIlls of Linguistics and Language Students (UPSKILLS), today online.

- 08.2023 *5<sup>th</sup> Urbino Summer School in Epistemology*. Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA) and Italian Society for Logic and the Philosophy of Science (SILFS), Department of Pure and Applied Sciences, University of Urbino Carlo Bo.
- 06.2023 *Python for linguists*. Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO), Doctoral program in language sciences, University of Fribourg.
- 04.2023 *Second UPSKILLS Multiplier Event in Switzerland*, UPgrading the SKills of Linguistics and Language Students (UPSKILLS), University of Geneva.
- 09.2022 *Quelle place pour la variation sociolinguistique dans les données récoltées empiriquement?* Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO), Doctoral program in language sciences, University of Lausanne.
- 08.2022 *4<sup>th</sup> Urbino Summer School in Epistemology*. Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA) and Italian Society for Logic and the Philosophy of Science (SILFS), Department of Pure and Applied Sciences, University of Urbino Carlo Bo.
- 09.2021 – 11.2021 *Data Management Webinar Series*. Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences (FORS), online.
- 10.2021 *Workshop – Formation en statistique Bayésienne*, University of Neuchâtel.
- 09.2021 *Combining Corpus and Experimental Data in Linguistics*. Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO), Doctoral program in language sciences, online.
- 04.2021 *Valoriser, vulgariser et diffuser la recherche sur Wikipédia*. CUSO, Transversal program for the development of doctoral student generic skills, online.
- 11.2020 *Information Literacy for your PhD: successfully search, use and manage scientific publications*. CUSO, Transversal program for the development of doctoral student generic skills, online.
- 09.2020 *Storytelling for researchers*. CUSO, Transversal program for the development of doctoral student generic skills, University of Neuchâtel.
- 07.2020 *Moving research online: Tutorials on running your research over the web*. jsPsych and Pushkin teams, online.
- 09.2019 *Using eye-tracking to study gaze behavior during social interaction in experimental and natural environments*. Centre for Research on Social Interactions (CRSI), University of Neuchâtel.
- 09.2019 *Linguistic and corpus perspectives on argumentative discourse*. Swiss Universities Doctoral Program Language & Cognition, University of Fribourg.
- 10.2018 *Ethics of research*. Ethics Unit, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Quebec.

## **ORGANIZATION**

- 06.2023 *Journée de la recherche en linguistique BENEFRi (BErne-NEuchâtel-FRibourg) 2023*, University of Bern.

02.2020 – *Development, EVolution, and ENculturation of cognition (DEVEN-cog)*. Bi-weekly  
12.2022 discussion group, University of Neuchâtel.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES

- 10.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, Bangerter, A., & Mazzarella, D. (Forthcoming). Does lexical coordination affect epistemic and practical trust? The role of conceptual pacts. *Cognitive Science*.
- 08.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. (Forthcoming). What's your evidence? The psychological foundations of the evaluation of testimony. *Ars Interpretandi*.
- 03.2023 **Pozzi, M.**, & Mazzarella, D. (2023). Speaker trustworthiness: Shall confidence match evidence? *Philosophical Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2023.2193220>

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## GRANTS & AWARDS

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### GRANTS

- 08.2023 **Grant from the dean's office** – *University of Neuchâtel*  
5<sup>th</sup> Urbino Summer School in Epistemology (595 CHF)
- 08.2022 **Grant from the dean's office** – *University of Neuchâtel*  
4<sup>th</sup> Urbino Summer School in Epistemology (484 CHF)
- 05.2022 **Equality grant** – *University of Neuchâtel*  
ELM 2 conference at the University of Pennsylvania (500 CHF)
- 09.2018 **Scholarship** – *Foundation CERVO*  
PhD at Laval University (18'000 CAD/year)
- 09.2017 **Rosa Schlatter fund** – *University of Neuchâtel*  
Internship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (4000 CHF)

### AWARDS

- 09.2023 **Sam Glucksberg student prize** – *10th Experimental Pragmatics Conference in Paris*  
Best research presentation

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## PERSONAL SKILLS

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- Language skills** French (native), English (fluent)
- Digital skills** Audacity, BORIS, JASP, JavaScript, LIONESS Lab, Microsoft, PCibex, Peergrade, Prolific, Python, Qualtrics, R, Testable