Mélinda Pozzi PHD ASSISTANT

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EDUCATION

08.2019 – today **PhD student in Cognitive Science**
University of Neuchâtel
Advisor: Prof. Diana Mazzarella

09.2016 – 08.2018 **Master of Science in Cognitive Science** (magna cum laude)
University of Neuchâtel
Thesis: "Interpersonal synchronisation in concurrent joint activities: the case of walking and talking together"
Advisor: Prof. Adrian Bangerter

09.2013 – 06.2016 **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Language Sciences, and Information and Communication Sciences** (cum laude)
University of Neuchâtel (1st year at the University of Lausanne)
Thesis (in Philosophy): "La phénoménologie cognitive"
Advisor: Prof. Richard Glauser

08.2010 – 06.2013 **Maturité gymnasiale in Biology-Chemistry and Philosophy** (very good)
Gymnase Français de Bienne
Final work in creative writing
Advisor: Pierre Alain Jeannet

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

08.2019 – today **PhD assistant**
Cognitive Science Centre (University of Neuchâtel)
Advisor: Prof. Diana Mazzarella

03.2017 – 08.2017 **Research assistant**
Chair of Applied Linguistics (University of Neuchâtel)

- Transcriptions for a PhD assistant

09.2015 – 07.2017 **Monitor**

Language sciences (University of Neuchâtel)

- Support for BA students with administrative issues

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

08.2019 – today **Seminar assistant** – Lectures dirigées (BA)

University of Neuchâtel

- Using an online platform for student evaluation of their peers' work
- Supervision and evaluation of student oral debate and final dissertation

08.2019 – today **Seminar assistant** – Méthodes expérimentales en sciences de l'information et de la communication (BA)

University of Neuchâtel

- Giving practical classes on experimental methods
- Using an online platform for student creation of experiments
- Supervision and evaluation of student experimental project

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

09.2018 – 05.2019 **PhD student in Clinical and Biomedical Sciences (1st year)**

Cognition and Social Interactions Lab, CERVO (Laval University)

Research on social interactions and psychiatric disorders (schizophrenia and personality disorders)

Advisor: Prof. Amélie Achim

08.2017 – 01.2018 **Intern**

Swarm Lab (New Jersey Institute of Technology)

MA internship in modeling and simulating collective behaviors

Internship report: "Group performance: specialists and generalists"

Advisor: Prof. Simon Garnier

CONFERENCES

PRESENTATIONS

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?*. Xprag.ch: Experimental Pragmatics in Switzerland, 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.

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.

WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

ATTENDANCE

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 *4th 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 Bayesienne*. University of Neuchâtel.

09.2021 *Combining Corpus and Experimental Data in Linguistics*. Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO), Doctoral program in language sciences, (online).

08.2021 *Formation Jahia 7*. Service informatique et télématique (SITEL), University of Neuchâtel.

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*. SwissUniversities Doctoral Program Language & Cognition, University of Fribourg.

10.2018 *Ethics of research*. Ethics Unit, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Quebec.

ORGANIZATION

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

P U B L I C A T I O N S

POSTERS

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.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

08.2022 **Grant from the dean's office**

University of Neuchâtel

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 (Laval University)

PhD at Laval University

18'000 CAD/year

09.2017 **Private funding (Schlatter)**

University of Neuchâtel

Internship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology

4000 CHF

PERSONAL SKILLS

Language skills French (native language), English (very good written and good oral skills)

Digital skills Audacity, BORIS, JASP, LIONESS Lab, Microsoft, Moodle, PCIbex, Peergrade, Qualtrics, R, Testable, Webex Training