

RAPPORT D'ACTIVITÉ 2025

Institut : Institut de langue et littérature anglaises

Recherche

Projets de recherche importants ou bourses/prix/distinctions obtenus

Steve Oswald

Deniability in ARGumentation and LINGuistics (DARLING), 4-year SNF project (n°10006525) with 2 PhD-students (<https://data.snf.ch/grants/grant/10006525>).

Jana Constantin

Grant from Unine - Fonds des Donations.

Mattia Ferraro

SANAS Research Award 2025 - Awarded by the Swiss Association for North American Studies.

Rayonnement et médiatisation

Evènements marquants : Projets fortement médiatisés, services à la Cité, etc.

Patrick Vincent

Ruskin and tourism, invited talk, Centenary of the Ruskin Medallion, Amis du Vieux Chamonix, Chamonix, 14 September 2025.

Interventions dans les médias

Patrick Vincent

Arcinfo, 12 December 2025: "Jane Austen, la Suisse, et la Grande Bretagne".

Le Temps, 5 July 2025: "Et Byron réinventait le château de Chillon".

Arcinfo, Opinions, 6 June 2025: "L'hommage à une vallée".

Arcinfo, Opinions, 20 February 2025: "Vive la liberté, bordel!".

Steve Oswald

"Can You Explain Your Research to a 13-Year-Old in 60 Seconds?" Flash interview given on the occasion of the 5th European Conference on Argumentation (ECA2025), 07.10.2025.

"ENQUÊTE. On a écouté Donald Trump pendant 100 jours : ce que ses mots disent de lui", Interview for Ouest-France, 29.04.2025.



Contributions ou participations à des Institutions externes (cantonales, FNS, Swissuniversities, etc.)

Patrick Vincent

External expert, Institut Universitaire de France, Paris, January 2025.

Ph.D. thesis jury member for Felix Duperrier, Université Paris Cité, November 2025.

Elected board member and treasurer, Swiss Association for North American Studies.

Elected board member and international officer, British Association of Romantic Studies.

Martin Hilpert

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Collegium of Lyon (French Institute for Advanced Study).

Member of the Foundation Board of the Forum du Bilinguisme.

PhD thesis jury member for Kärt Roomae, University of Birmingham, September 2025.

Emma Depledge

President, Swiss Association of Medieval and Early Modern English Studies (SAMEMES).

Advisory Board, Shakespeare Census.

Associate Editor, English Studies.

Member of Dean's Office, FLSH.

Steve Oswald

External expert, European Commission, December 2025.

PhD thesis jury member for Diane Liberatore, Université de Neuchâtel, November 2025.

Formations continues – Créations de cursus

Patrick Vincent

By the Waters of Lemman: Uses of Place in English-Language Literature on Switzerland, keynote talk, formation continue day, Université de Lausanne, 12 September 2025.

Organizer, SANAS colloquium on "Remapping the 'International Theme'," University of Neuchâtel, 5 December 2025.

Co-organizer, with Pauline Hortolland, research workshop on "Romanticism and Ice", Université de Besançon, 2-3 October 2025.

Co-organizer, with Enit Steiner, Rachel Falconer, and Philip Lindholm, "Romanticism and its Afterlives," international online conference hosted by the University of Lausanne, 22-25 May 2025.



Emma Depledge

Organiser, CUSO PhD Day, 6th December 2025, UniNe: Digital Humanities, Artificial Intelligence and Project Planning.

Autres

Publications

Patrick Vincent

“British Romanticism and Europe.” A special issue of *European Romantic Review*. Ed. with Simon Swift and David Duff. Volume 36, number 4 (December 2025).

“Rousseau et les Anglais en Suisse,” *Bulletin de l’Association Jean-Jacques Rousseau Neuchâtel*, 84 (2025), 1-43.

“John Ruskin et Chamonix en 1849 : la genèse de *Modern Painters IV*.” *Montagne et haute montagne dans l’arc alpin des anciens états de Savoie. Actes du 49e Congrès des Sociétés Savantes de Savoie*. Ed. Nicolas Carrier et Christine Boymond-Lassere. Chamonix : Associations des Amis du Vieux Chamonix, 2025. 385-393.

“Switzerland.” *Shelley in Context*. Ed. Ross Wilson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025. 26-33.

Martin Hilpert

2025a. Frequency: Psychological and Methodological Considerations. In Mirjam Fried and Kiki Nikiforidou (eds.) *The Cambridge Handbook of Construction Grammar*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 149–170.

2025b. With Benjamin Lyngfelt and Tiago Timponi Torrent. The ConstructiCon: Language as a Cognitive Network of Constructions. *Reference Module in Social Sciences*.

2025c. Force dynamics in unexpected places. *Cognitive Semantics* 11/1, 1-35.

2025d. With Hikaru Hotta. English comparative constructions at different levels of schematicity: what is the role of adjective-specific variability? *Cognitive Linguistics*.

2025e. Construction Grammar and English Historical Linguistics. In Merja Kytö and Erik Smitterberg (eds.), *The New Cambridge History of the English Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 796-819.

Emma Depledge

‘Looking Beneath the Surface: The Long-Briquets’ Contribution to Material Bibliography and Shakespeare Studies’. *Swiss Papers in English Language and Literature*, Issue 45. Ed. Ina Haberman and Elisabeth Dutton (2025), pp. 45 – 60.

Depledge, Emma. ‘The Year’s Contributions to Shakespeare Studies: Editions and Textual Studies’. *Shakespeare Survey* 78: Shakespeare and Communities. Ed Emma Smith (2024), pp. 373-84.



Hikaru Hotta

2025a. Frequency does not predict the processing speed of multi-morpheme sequences in Japanese. *Linguistics Vanguard*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2024-0083>

2025b. With Tomoko Endo. Reanalyzing “to omou” ‘I think’ Construction: A Corpus-Based Study of Natural Japanese Conversation. *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 31. 389–398. <https://doi.org/10.5070/J7.48961>

2025c. With Martin Hilpert. English comparative constructions at different levels of schematicity: what is the role of adjective-specific variability? *Cognitive Linguistics* 36(4). <https://doi.org/10.1515/cog-2025-0025>

Samuel Bourgeois

Bourgeois, S. and Bousfield, D. (2026) *Pragmatics in Contested Interpretation: Varied Audiences, Varied Implicatures, Varied Inferences*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-95345-3>

Bourgeois, S. (2025) ‘On the conventionalization of impoliteness formulae: The case of Trump’s fake news insult’, *Journal of Language Aggression and Conflict* [Online-First Articles]. <https://doi.org/10.1075/jlac.00140.bou>

Bourgeois, S. (2025) “Just saying it like it is’: A comparative study on the characterizations of Chris Christie and Donald Trump as tough-guy politicians’, *Language and Literature: International Journal of Stylistics* [Online-First Articles]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09639470251404158>

Steve Oswald

de Oliveira Fernandes, D., & Oswald, S. 2025. "Are Insinuated Ad Hominem Arguments Rhetorically Effective? Yes, but Conditions Apply". *Argumentation*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10503-025-09681-0>.

Oswald, S. 2025. "A cognitive framework for the analysis of argumentation". In. Andone, C., Doury, M., Greco, S., Hannken-Iljes, K. and Reijven, M. (eds). *Qualitative Research Methods in Argumentation Studies*. New York: Routledge, 76-90.

Oswald, S. 2025. "A cognitive framework for the analysis of argumentation". In. Andone, C., Doury, M., Greco, S., Hannken-Iljes, K. and Reijven, M. (eds). *Qualitative Research Methods in Argumentation Studies*. New York: Routledge, 76-90.

Zufferey, S., Oswald, S. & Gyax, P. 2025. *Quand dire c'est influencer*. *Psychologie de la persuasion*. Editions Sciences Humaines.

Suzana Zink

Forthcoming: “Re-Thinking Lives, Re-Writing Narrative: ‘Stirrings of Dissent’ in Virginia Woolf and May Sinclair”, *Modernist Review*, Special Issue on Virginia Woolf.

Co-authored with Sara Cotelli-Kureth and Elisabeth Paliot. “Fostering transparency: A critical introduction of generative AI in students’ assignments”, *Language Learning in Higher Education: Journal of the European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education (CercleS)*, Vol.15, Issue 1, 2025, 63-85. Featured in the LLHE webinar of 17 June 2025.

Mattia Ferraro

“‘Simply a Living Wonder’: Black Identity Through the Swiss Lens in the Works of Baldwin, Carter, and Cole”, *Swiss Papers in English Language and Literature (SPELL)*, Volume 2025, Issue 46 (2025), pp. 95 – 110.



Conference Presentations

Patrick Vincent

'Comfortable' Inns and 'Huge' Hotels: The Wordsworths on the Continent, Wordsworth Summer Conference, Rydal, Cumbria, 10 August 2025.

Practical Swiss Education? Pestalozzi, Fellenberg, and the Edgeworths, Maria Edgeworth in Paris Symposium, Sorbonne Nouvelle, 13 June 2025.

Henry Brougham, French Romantic? Romanticism Across Borders Conference, Université Paris Cité, 24 March 2025.

Martin Hilpert

October 2025. Confrontational Grammar. How constructions encode forces and conflicts. Plenary lecture at Constructions of Identity XII, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

May 2025. Force Dynamics in Unexpected Places. Plenary lecture at the 7th International (Talmyan) Cognitive Semantics Conference, Henan University, China.

May 2025. Force Dynamics in Unexpected Places. Plenary lecture at the 4th International Conference of the Ukrainian Association of Cognitive Linguistics and Poetics (UACLAP).

Emma Depledge

Invited Talk, 'Food, Drink and Sensory Experience in Ben Jonson's Bartholomew Fair', University of Zurich, March 2025.

Samuel Bourgeois

Trump's 'art of mockery' in political rhetoric. Invited Speaker for the Discourse Group Meeting for the DAN Department of Communication at Tel Aviv University, 28 January, Tel Aviv, Israel (via Teams).

With Derek Bousfield Pragmatics in contested interpretation: Varied audiences, varied implicatures, varied inferences. PALA 2025 Conference, 11 July, Birmingham, UK.

Steve Oswald

"Multimodal arguments as invitations to inference and critical thinking" (with Jan Albert van Laar). Workshop on Multimodal Argumentation, Salzburg, 10-12.12.2025.

"Reformulation and argumentation: siblings or unrelated?". AMoRe closing workshop, University of Fribourg, 20.11.2025

"Reformulating (op)positions: A rhetorical perspective" (with Ramy Younis), XPRAG.CH Workshop, University of Neuchâtel, 07.11.2025.

"It's (also) about how you say it. Pragmatic constraints on argumentative interactions". Keynote lecture delivered at the B-Hu-Well conference, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, 10-11.10.2025.

"Experimental Approaches to Argumentation" (with Jennifer Schumann). Panel convened at the 5th European Conference on Argumentation, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland, 23-26.09.2025.



"Tracking the Experimental Turn in Argumentation: Progress, Challenges and New Horizons" (with Jennifer Schumann), 5th European Conference on Argumentation, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland, 23-26.09.2025.

"Procedural vs. conceptual meaning in multimodal argumentation" (with Ramy Younis), Contribution to thematic panel "Multimodal Argumentation and Critique", 5th European Conference on Argumentation, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland, 23-26.09.2025.

"Rhetorical effects of argumentation". Panel convened at the 9th Rhetoric in Society conference, 'Rhetoric in the digital age', University of Zagreb, Croatia, 18-21.06.2025.

"Reformulation as concealed argumentation" (with Jennifer Schumann, Daniel de Oliveira Fernandes & Ramy Younis), 9th Rhetoric in Society conference, 'Rhetoric in the digital age', University of Zagreb, Croatia, 19.06.2025.

"Is insinuation plausibly deniable? Yes, but conditions apply". Philosophy colloquium, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 26.02.2025.

"Are pragmatic inferences argumentative?". Workshop of the Argumentation Community of Europe on the Concept of 'Argument', Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal, 06.02.2025.

"Reformulating is not arguing - or is it?". DisTex seminar series, Lancaster University, UK, 27.01.2025 (online).

"From pragmatic inference to argumentative inference". Pragmatics in Argumentation workshop, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 14.01.2025 (online).

Suzana Zink

"Re-Thinking Lives, Re-Writing Narrative: 'Stirrings of Dissent' in Virginia Woolf and May Sinclair", 34th Annual International Conference on Virginia Woolf – 'Woolf and Dissidence', University of Sussex, 5-8 July 2025.

Aug 2025. With Martin Hilpert. Variation and isomorphism in the English comparative alternation. Societas Linguistica Europaea. Bordeaux, France.

March 2025. English comparative constructions at different levels of schematicity: What is the role of adjective-specific variability? Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics. Bern, Switzerland.

Simone Camponovo

"'Fit thy consent to my sharp appetite': Food Euphemisms and Sexual Censorship in *Measure for Measure*." British Graduate Shakespeare Conference, Stratford-upon-Avon, June 2025.

Jérémie Magnin

"En tous points recommandable. Evitez la chambre n° 23." Archives de la Ville de Neuchâtel for their exhibition *Livres d'or*, in collaboration with UniNe, Neuchâtel, 23 October 2025.

Jana Constantin

Run of a guest workshop at UniFri on Shakespeare's *The Rape of Lucrece*

Presentation of a paper on Shakespeare's *Richard III* at UniFri - CUSO workshop 'Humour and Religion in Medieval and Early Modern Literature'.



Other

Jana Constantin

Two research trips (archival research) in Oxford - February and October, 2 months in total.

Mattia Ferraro

Visiting scholar at Cornell University, hosted by Professor Matthew Wilkens in the Department of Information Science – September to December 2025.