

Mélinda Pozzi PHD ASSISTANT

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About

Date of birth: 29.12.1994
Nationality: Swiss (TI)

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** (cum laude)
University of Neuchâtel (1st year at the University of Lausanne)
Philosophy, Language Sciences and Information and Communication Sciences
Thesis (Philosophy): “La phénoménologie cognitive”
Advisor: Prof. Richard Glauser
- 08.2010 – 06.2013 **Maturité gymnasiale** (very good)
Gymnase Français de Bienne
Biology, Chemistry and Philosophy
Final work in creative writing
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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

03.2017 – 08.2017

Student 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

ATTENDANCE

- 11.2019 *Xprag.ch: Experimental Pragmatics in Switzerland*, Cognitive Science Center, University of Neuchâtel
- 12.2018 *Research Day CERVO*, CERVO Brain Research Centre, Laval University
- 11.2018 *11th Neuroscience Research Day*, Thematic Center for Research in Neuroscience (TCRN), Laval University
- 10.2016 *What Social Robots Can and Should Do? Robophilosophy/Transdisciplinary Studies in Social Robotics*, Aarhus University

WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

ATTENDANCE

- 09.2020 *Storytelling for researchers*, CUSO workshop, 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
- 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

PUBLICATIONS

POSTERS

- 09.2019 Achim, A., Thibaudeau, É., Vallée, A., Pozzi, M., Lampron, M., Savard, C. & Haesebaert, F. (September 2019). 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

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, Lioness Lab, Microsoft, Peergrade, R, Testable