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Curriculum Vitae

Education

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| 2006-2012 | Diploma studies 'English and American Studies' (graduation with distinction)
University of Vienna |
| 2006-2013 | Diploma studies 'Indo-European Studies' (graduation with distinction)
University of Vienna |
| 2008-2009 | Erasmus exchange, University of Edinburgh, UK |
| 2012-2016 | PhD 'English Studies' (graduation with distinction)
University of Vienna
Supervisor: Nikolaus Ritt (University of Vienna)
Reviewers:
Gunter Kaltenböck (University of Vienna),
Timothy Coleman (Gent University, Belgium) |

Employment history

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| 2012-2016 | Pre-doc university assistant, Department of English, University of Vienna |
| 2016-2017 | Post-doc university assistant, Department of English, University of Vienna |
| 2017 | External lecturer, Department of English, University of Innsbruck |
| 2017-2020 | Lecturer in English Language and Linguistics, Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York |
| 2018 - 2023 | Post-doc researcher (SNF-project 'Prepositions in English argument structure'; PI: Marianne Hundt), Department of English, University of Zurich |
| Autumn 2019 | Substitute professorship (substitution Olga Timofeeva), Department of English, University of Zurich |
| 2021 - | Oberassistentin ('senior research and teaching assistant') in English Linguistics, Department of English, University of Zurich |
| Autumn 2022 | Substitute professorship (substitution Marianne Hundt), Department of English, University of Zurich |
| Autumn 2024 | Research stay, University of Kyoto |

Certificates and fellowships

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| 2017-2019 | <i>Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice</i> (PGCAP; University of York) |
| 2019 | <i>Higher Education Academy Fellow</i> (FHEA), UK Advanced Higher Education |

Teaching experience

2013	BA/MA Lecture 'History of English' (with Theresa Illes) University of Vienna
2015	BA/MA Seminar 'Reading Medieval English' (with Nikolaus Ritt) University of Vienna
2013-2015	BA Proseminar 1 Linguistics University of Vienna
2016-2017	BA Proseminar Linguistics 2: 'Competition in language change' University of Vienna
2017	BA Proseminar Linguistics 2: 'Grammatical change in recent English' University of Vienna
2017	BA/MA Seminar Systemic and/or Applied English Linguistics: 'Variation in English Syntax and Semantics' University of Innsbruck
2017-2019	BA Year 1 Module 'History of English I' University of York
2017-2019	BA Year 2 Module 'History of English II' University of York
2017-2018	BA Year 3 Module 'English Corpus Linguistics' University of York
2019	BA Lecture/ seminar 'History of the English Language I: Focus on Old English' University of Zurich
2020	MA research seminar 'Argument structure constructions in recent English' University of Zurich
2021-2022	BA Lecture/ seminar 'Introduction to English Linguistics' University of Zurich
2021	MA seminar 'Methods and theories in English linguistics' University of Zurich
2022	MA research seminar 'Evolutionary Linguistics' University of Zurich
2022	BA/MA lecture course 'Language and Cognition: Construction Grammar' University of Zurich
2022	MA seminar 'Methods and theories in English linguistics' University of Zurich
2022	BA Lecture 'Introduction to English Linguistics' (Syntax I-III) University of Zurich
2023	BA seminar 'Mechanisms of language change' University of Zurich
2023	MA seminar 'Methods and theories in English linguistics' University of Zurich
2023	BA Lecture 'Introduction to English Linguistics' (Syntax I-III) University of Zurich
2023-2024	BA Seminar 'History of the English Language I: Focus on Old and Middle English' University of Zurich
2024	BA seminar 'Morphosyntactic change' University of Zurich
2024	BA intensive course 'Investigating constructional alternations in recent English' University of Kyoto

Academic supervision

2018-2020	TAP (Thesis Advisory Panel) member, Rongkun Liu (PhD-candidate, University of York)
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- 2018- PhD-supervision, Laetitia van Driessche
(PhD-candidate, University of Zurich/ KU Leuven)
- 2020-2024 BA/MA-thesis supervision

Pastoral supervision, mentoring

- 2017-2019 Undergraduate pastoral supervision
(Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York)
- 2021- *Share your cake and worries* (informal monthly mentoring/ mental health event),
University of Zurich, convenors: Zehentner & Grütter)
- 2022- PhD Mentoring
(University of Zurich, Linguistics Doctoral Programme/ Graduate Campus)

Conference, workshop, and other event organisation

- 2014 *10th International Conference on the Evolution of Language* (University of Vienna, 14-17 April 2014)
- 2017 *Ditransitives in Germanic Languages* (Workshop at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, University of Zurich, 10-13 September 2017, convenors: Röthlisberger, Zehentner & Coleman)
- 2018 *The 20th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference* (University of York, 18-21 June 2018)
- 2019 *Semi-automatic retrieval of data from historical corpora: Chances and challenges* (Workshop at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, University of Leipzig, 21-24 August 2019, convenors: Hundt, Röthlisberger, Schneider & Zehentner)
- 2019 *Agent-based modelling in historical English linguistics* (in-house workshop with Dirk Pijpops, University of Zurich, 18-20 November 2019)
- 2021 *Modelling Constructional Variation and Change: Agents, Networks and Vectors* (University of Zurich, 15-16 November 2021, convenors: Zehentner, Hundt, Röthlisberger, van Driessche, Egurtzegi & Willimann) [postponed from September 2020]
- 2022- *Linguistics in the Pub* (monthly informal networking event, University of Zurich, convenors: Zehentner, Just & van Damm)
- 2021 LiZZ-talk (Linguistics Centre Zurich) 'Linguistics in 20 years' (University of Zurich, 21 October 2021, convenors: LiZZ-executive board)
- 2022 LiZZ-talk (Linguistics Centre Zurich) 'Linguistics at school' (University of Zurich, 28 April 2022, convenors: LiZZ-executive board)
- 2022 LiZZ-talk (Linguistics Centre Zurich) 'Interdisciplinarity in the classroom: more linguistics in more subjects?' (University of Zurich, 06 December 2022, convenors: LiZZ-executive board)
- 2023 *Ambiguity (avoidance) as a factor in language change* (Workshop at the 26th International Conference of Historical Linguistics [ICHL26], University of Heidelberg, 04-08 November 2023, convenors: Zehentner & De Cesare)
- 2023 LiZZ-talk (Linguistics Centre Zurich) 'Inclusion and diversity in linguistics' (University of Zurich, 20 November 2023, convenors: LiZZ-executive board, chair: Zehentner)

Prizes and awards

- 2010 Academic Prize for best student in Hebrew (School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh)

2013	Excellence Award for outstanding student performances (English department, University of Vienna; awarded for diploma thesis)
2014	John Sinclair bursary: <i>From phrase to clause: on present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots</i> ; presentation held at the 35th ICAME conference, Nottingham (April/May 2014)
2014	1st prize for Best paper presentation by a Phd student: <i>Of harming, helping, and handing: the case of Middle English ditransitives</i> ; presentation held at the 47th SLE conference, Poznań (September 2014)
2017	Förderungspreis der Wiener Sprachgesellschaft 2016 for outstanding linguistic theses (University of Vienna, June 2017)
2020	Jubiläumspreis des Böhlau Verlages Wien [Anniversary Prize of the Böhlau Verlag Vienna] for the book publication <i>Competition in Language Change: The rise of the English dative alternation (2019; Mouton de Gruyter)</i> . Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Grants

2017	ÖFG (Austrian Research Association) travel grant (<i>Research funding scheme 'International communication'</i> , funding for participation at ICLC14, July 2017, Tartu, Estonia) Granted sum: 500€
2018	SNSF project grant (co-applicant): <i>Prepositions in English Argument Structure</i> Project number: 100015_175987 Granted sum: 625,859CHF Duration: 4 years (2018-2022); eligible for Exzellenzbeiträge-application
2020	Graduate Campus <i>Short Grant</i> (University of Zurich; funding for workshop 'Modelling constructional change'; main applicant) Granted sum: 4,000CHF
2020	SNF <i>Scientific Exchanges</i> funding scheme (University of Zurich, funding for workshop 'Modelling constructional change'; main applicant) Project number: IZSEZO_198204 Granted sum: 8,900CHF
2020	<i>UZH Alumni</i> (University of Zurich, funding for workshop 'Modelling constructional change'; main applicant) Granted sum: 2,000CHF
2023	SNF <i>Open Access Book Publication</i> fund (University of Zurich, funding for publication of edited volume 'Ditransitives in Germanic languages'; main applicant) Project number: 10BP12_217571 Granted sum: 10,000CHF
2023	Seed money (Philosophische Fakultät, University of Zurich) Granted sum: 25,000CHF
2024	PHIL-Graduiertenschule (University of Zurich; funding for networking event series 'Linguistics in the Pub'; co-applicant) Granted sum: 3,830CHF
2024	University of Kyoto, scholarship for visiting researchers (research stay September – December 2024) Granted sum: approx. 1.800.000JPY (approx. 10.550CHF)

2024 (application submitted)	SNF Starting grant: <i>Strategies for Argument Disambiguation in early English</i> Requested sum: 1.627.762CHF
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Editorial experience

2013-2015	Assistant to the Editor, <i>Folia Linguistica Historica</i>
2012-2017	Part of the editorial board for <i>IEWS - Vienna English Working Papers</i>
2017-2022	Publication of edited volume on <i>Ditransitives in Germanic</i> (Zehentner, Coleman & Röthlisberger 2022)
2023-	General editor, <i>Language and Cognition</i>
2023-	Member of the Editorial Board for <i>Cognitive Linguistics</i>
2023-	Special issue 'Ambiguity (avoidance) in language change', <i>Journal of Historical Linguistics</i> (Zehentner & De Cesare)
2024-	Section editor, Elsevier <i>Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics</i> , 3rd edition

Additional memberships in panels, boards, reviewing activities

Journals	e.g. <i>Cognitive Linguistics</i> , <i>Diachronica</i> , <i>English Language and Linguistics</i> , <i>Language Sciences</i>
Conferences	e.g. ICLC, SLE, EVOLANG, ICAME, ICEHL

Administrative (departmental/ faculty) roles

2014-2017	<i>Erasmus</i> coordination (member of the selection panel)
2015-2016	Module coordination <i>Proseminar 1</i> (University of Vienna)
2015-2017	Member of commissions for new BA/BEd programme development (University of Vienna)
2017-2019	Module coordination <i>History of English I/ History of English II</i> (University of York)
2018-2019	Module design <i>Middle English in Context</i> (University of York)
2017-2019	Member/ consultant of the English Language and Linguistics programme development group (University of York)
2017-2019	Departmental colloquium series organisation (weekly; University of York)
2017-2019	Member of the Ethics Committee (University of York)
2017-2019	Organisation and participation in Visit Days/ Open Days (University of York)
2021-2022	Module coordination <i>IntroLing</i> (University of Zurich)
2021-	Teaching programme coordinator (University of Zurich)
2021-	Member of the executive board of the <i>Zurich Centre for Linguistics</i> (LiZZ)
2021-	Beisitz (chair) at PhD defenses
2021-	Teaching diploma examiner (subject expert) at Swiss high-schools
2022	Guest lecture organisation: Alexander Bergs (University of Osnabrück), Evie Coussé (University of Gothenburg)
2022-	Module coordination <i>History of the English Language</i> (HotEL) (University of Zurich)
2022-	Departmental ECR (WNW) representative in the executive board of the English department (University of Zurich)
2022-2023	Member of task force 'ECR career development' (AG Nachwuchsförderung)
2023-	Member of the commission for professorship application 'American Literature and Culture' (ECR representative; English department, University of Zurich)
2024	Guest lecture organisation: Lotte Sommerer (University of Freiburg)

Memberships in societies, associations, etc.

Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)

International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE)

International Cognitive Linguistics Association (ICLA)

Wiener Sprachgesellschaft (WSG)

LiZZ (Zurich Centre for Linguistics)

SWELL (Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics)

List of Publications

Monographs

Zehentner, E. 2019. *Competition in language change: The rise of the English dative alternation*. [Topics in English Linguistics]. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [doi:10.1515/9783110633856](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110633856).

Theses

Zehentner, E. 2012. *-AND vs. -ING: On the development of present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots*. Vienna: University of Vienna Diploma thesis.

Zehentner, E. 2013. *On the history of plural formation in Albanian*. Vienna: University of Vienna Diploma thesis.

Zehentner, E. 2016. *On competition and cooperation in Middle English ditransitives*. Vienna: University of Vienna PhD thesis.

Edited volumes/ special issues

Zehentner, E., M. Röthlisberger, and T. Coleman, eds. 2023. *Ditransitive Constructions in Germanic Languages*. [Studies in Germanic Linguistics]. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/sigl.7](https://doi.org/10.1075/sigl.7).

Zehentner, E. & I. De Cesare, eds. in preparation. Ambiguity (avoidance) as a factor in language change. *Journal of Historical Linguistics* [Special issue].

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Zehentner, E. 2014. From phrase to clause(-like): on the development of present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots. *Vienna English Working Papers* 23.

Zehentner, E. 2017. Ditransitives in Middle English: on semantic specialisation and the rise of the dative alternation. *English Language and Linguistics* 22(1), 149-175. [doi:10.1017/S1360674316000447](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1360674316000447).

Zehentner, E. 2021. Alternations emerge and disappear: The network of dispossession constructions in the history of English. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory* 17(3), 525-561. [doi:10.1515/cllt-2020-0074](https://doi.org/10.1515/cllt-2020-0074).

Zehentner, E. 2022. Ambiguity avoidance is a factor in the rise of the English dative alternation. *Cognitive Linguistics* 33(1), 3-33. [Special Issue for Early Career Researchers]. [doi:10.1515/cog-2021-0018](https://doi.org/10.1515/cog-2021-0018).

Zehentner, E. 2022. Competing constructions construct complementary niches: a diachronic view on the English dative alternation. *Language Dynamics and Change* 13(1), 34-73. [doi:10.1163/22105832-bja10021](https://doi.org/10.1163/22105832-bja10021).

Zehentner, E. 2022. Revisiting gradience in Diachronic Construction Grammar: PPs and the complement-adjunct distinction in the history of English. *ZAA* 70(3), 301-335. [Special Issue: Diachronic Construction Grammar]. [doi:10.1515/zaa-2022-2066](https://doi.org/10.1515/zaa-2022-2066).

Pijpops, Dirk, and **E. Zehentner. 2022.** How redundant is language really? Agent-recipient disambiguation across time and space. *Glossa* 7(1), 1-41. [doi:10.16995/glossa.8763](https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.8763).

Zehentner, E., G. Schneider, M. Hundt, and M. Röthlisberger. 2023. Differences in annotation affect retrieval: Verb-attached PPs in the history of English. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 28(3), 378-406. [doi:10.1075/ijcl.21104.zeh](https://doi.org/10.1075/ijcl.21104.zeh).

- Zehentner, E. 2023.** Allostructions revisited. *Constructions* 15(1), 1-20. [Special Issue: 35 Years of Constructions]. [doi:10.24338/cons-569](https://doi.org/10.24338/cons-569).
- Zehentner, E. 2024.** Constructions alternated (at) that time: NP vs PP time adjuncts in the history of English. *Linguistics Vanguard* [Special Issue: Alternations]. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2023-0054>.
- Zehentner, E. under review.** 'I'm all virtual peopled out': Creativity, productivity, and schematicity in the case of innovative NP + out combinations. *Functions of Language Special Issue: Today's innovations, tomorrow's conventions*.
- Sommerer, L., and **E. Zehentner. under review.** *go to church or die in prison*: tracing V-PP combinations with bare institutional nouns in the history of English.

Articles in edited volumes

- Zehentner, E., A. Baumann, N. Ritt and C. Prömer. 2016.** A game theoretic account of semantic subjectification in the cultural evolution of languages. In S. Roberts, C. Cuskley, L. McCrohon, Ll. Barceló-Coblijn, O. Fehér and T. Verhoef, eds. *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 11th International Conference (EVLANGXI)*.
- Zehentner, E. 2018.** The English dative alternation as an adaptation to changes in the constructional network. In C. Cuskley, M. Flaherty, H. Little, L. McCrohon, A. Ravignani and T. Verhoef, eds. *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 12th International Conference (EVLANGXII)*.
- Zehentner, E. and E. C. Traugott. 2020.** Constructional networks and the development of benefactive ditransitives in English. In L. Sommerer and E. Smirnova, eds. *Nodes and Links in the Network: Advances in Diachronic Construction Grammar*, 168-211. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/cal.27.05zeh](https://doi.org/10.1075/cal.27.05zeh).
- Ritt, N., A. Baumann, **E. Zehentner**, and Alexandra Zöpfl. **2020.** Reconsidering subjectification from the perspective of animal signalling. In L. Gaeta, ed. *Tracking Language Evolution as an Interdisciplinary, Cross-Theoretical Enterprise*, 139-153. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/elt.00020.rit](https://doi.org/10.1075/elt.00020.rit).
- Zehentner, E. 2021.** Cognitive reality of constructions as a theoretical and methodological challenge in historical linguistics. In T. Coleman, F. Brisard, A. De Wit, R. Enghels, N. Koutsoukos, T. Mortelmans and M. S. Sansiñena, eds. *The wealth and breadth of construction-based research*, 378-389. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/bjl.00060.zeh](https://doi.org/10.1075/bjl.00060.zeh).
- Zehentner, E. and M. Hundt. 2022.** Prepositions in early modern English argument structure. In *Proceedings of the 20th ICEHL*. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/cilt.358.08zeh](https://doi.org/10.1075/cilt.358.08zeh).
- Zehentner, E. 2023.** The dative alternation in Middle English as a response to system-wide changes. In E. Zehentner, M. Röthlisberger, and T. Coleman, eds. *Ditransitive Constructions in Germanic Languages*. [Studies in Germanic Linguistics]. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/sigl.7.01zeh](https://doi.org/10.1075/sigl.7.01zeh).
- Zehentner, E., T. Coleman, and M. Röthlisberger. 2023.** Introduction. In E. Zehentner, M. Röthlisberger, and T. Coleman, eds. *Ditransitive Constructions in Germanic Languages*. [Studies in Germanic Linguistics], 1-18. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [doi:10.1075/sigl.7.00zeh](https://doi.org/10.1075/sigl.7.00zeh).
- Zehentner, E., and Dirk Pijpops. forthc.** Frequency. In E. Aldridge, K. Kiss, A. Ledgeway, J. Salmons, A. Simonenko, and A. Breitbarth (eds.), *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Diachronic Linguistics*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Zehentner, E. under review.** Constructional networks. In C. Sinha and X. Wen (eds.), *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Cognitive Linguistics*. Cambridge: CUP.

Review articles

- Zehentner, E. 2019.** Review of Van Goethem, Norde, Coussé & Vanderbauwhede (eds.) (2018), Category change from a constructional perspective. *Journal of Historical Syntax* 3(2). [doi:10.1075/cal.20](https://doi.org/10.1075/cal.20).

Invited talks

- GLIMS workshop on Variation and Change in Dative and Ditransitive Constructions*; 24 February 2015, Ghent, Belgium: 'Ditransitives in Middle English: Semantic specialisation and the rise of the dative alternation'.
- Meeting of the Linguistic Circle Copenhagen (Lingvistikredsen)*; 9 May 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark: '(Un-)cooperativeness in communication and the explanation of subjectification in semantic change'.
- PhilSoc Early Career Researcher colloquium "Approaches to grammatical change"*; 18 November 2017, Manchester, UK: 'Subjectification in semantic change: Evolutionary pragmatics and verbs like *to cope with*'.
- International Conference "Modelling the linguistic architecture of English: Theories and methods"*; 24-25 May 2018, Vigo, Spain: 'Extending the scope: Non-prototypical patterns in the history of the English dative alternation'.
- Research Seminar in English Language and Linguistics, University of Westminster*; 28 November 2018, London, UK: 'Are syntactic alternations 'special'? On the diachrony of English ditransitives'.
- QLVL research unit, KU Leuven*; 14 May 2021, Leuven, Belgium: 'Who gave what to whom: Argument disambiguation as a factor in the rise of the English dative alternation'.
- Lecture series *Digitale Methodik in den Geistes- und Kulturwissenschaften* [Digital methods in humanities], *University of Mainz*; 15 June 2022, Mainz, Germany.
- Guest lecture series *SILPAC Research group, University of Mannheim*; 13 October 2022, Mannheim, Germany.
- English Language Seminar, Stockholm University*; 17 October 2022, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Lecture Series *Language, Communication & Cognition, University of Freiburg*; 25 November 2022, Freiburg, Germany: 'Verb-attached PPs in the history of English: Stability and change'.
- Departmental Lecture Series *Space, University of Zurich*; 04 April 2023, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Spatial prepositions in the history of English'.
- Seminar 'Funktionsverbgefüge', *University of Neuchatel*; 13 November 2023, Neuchatel, Switzerland: 'Light verb alternations in the history of English'.
- Workshop 'Constructional approaches to language', *University of Paris 8*; 15 November 2023, Paris, France: 'English prepositional verbs emerged through constructionalisation (?)'.
- Workshop 'Challenging Construction Grammar: New insights from morphology', 08-11 April 2024, Ascona, Switzerland: 'Argument disambiguation strategies between morphology and syntax: Challenging construction grammar'.
- Workshop 'Understanding grammar change: Digital resources and evolutionary modelling', 04-05 June 2024, Edinburgh, UK: 'NLP for historical English corpora'.
- 9th Naxos Summer School on Diachronic Linguistics, 25-31 July 2024, Naxos, Greece (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): 'Old and Middle English morphosyntax'.
- Philological Society Meeting*, 17 January 25, London, UK: 'Prepositions in English argument structure: A wrap-up'.

Conference presentations

- 17th International Conference of English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL)*; 20-25 August 2012, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Subjectification and verbs of the type *to cope (with)*' (Zehentner & Ritt).
- 43rd Poznań Linguistic Meeting (PLM)*; 8-10 September 2012, Poznań, Poland: poster presentation '*-and* vs. *-ing*: Present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots'.
- Österreichische Linguistik-Tagung (OELT)* 39; 26-28 Oktober 2012, Innsbruck, Austria: 'The gerund in Middle Scots: a corpus-based study'.
- Österreichische Studierendenkonferenz (OESKL)* 5; 16-18 November 2012, Vienna, Austria: '*Invading -and*: present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots'.
- 8th International Conference on Middle English (ICOME)*; 2-4 May 2013, Murcia, Spain: '*-and* vs. *-ing*: Present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots'.
- 21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL)*; 5-9 August 2013, Oslo, Norway: 'On the history of the dative alternation in English'.

44th Poznań Linguistic Meeting (PLM); 29 August - 1 September 2013, Poznań, Poland: 'From phrase to clause(-like): on the history of non-finites in Middle Scots'.

46th annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 18-21 September 2013, Split, Croatia: 'Polysemous constructions: An account of ditransitives in Middle English'.

35th ICAME conference; 30 April - 4 May 2014, Nottingham, UK: 'From phrase to clause: on present participle and verbal noun in Middle Scots'.

18th International Conference of English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL); 14-18 July 2014, Leuven, Belgium: 'On privative verbs and the double object construction in Middle English'.

3rd conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE); 24-27 August, 2014, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Evolutionary pragmatics, subjectification and verbs like *to worry* or *to cope (with)*'.

47th annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 11-14 September 2014, Poznań, Poland: 'Of harming, helping, and handing: the case of Middle English ditransitives'.

13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC); 20-26 July 2015, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: 'Constructionalisation, competition, and the case of Middle English ditransitives'.

22nd International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL); 27-31 July 2015, Naples, Italy: 'On argument structure changes in Middle English ditransitives' (Workshop 'The diachrony of valence: changes in argument structure').

48th annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 2-5 September 2015, Leiden, Netherlands: 'On the competition between inflections and prepositions in Middle English ditransitives'.

45th Poznań Linguistic Meeting (PLM); 17-19 September 2015, Poznań, Poland: 'On competition and constructionalisation in Middle English ditransitives'.

11th Evolution of Language International Conference (EVLANG); 21-24 March 2016, New Orleans, USA: 'A game theoretic account of semantic subjectification in the cultural evolution of languages' (Zehentner, Baumann, Ritt & Prömer).

19th International Conference of English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL); 22-26 July 2016, Essen, Germany: 'On syntheticity and analyticity in the history of English ditransitives'.

49th annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 31 August -3 September 2016, Naples, Italy: 'On constructionalisation in Middle English ditransitives'.

49th annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 31 August -3 September 2016, Naples, Italy: 'Subjectification is driven by sceptic listeners' (Ritt & Zehentner).

14th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC); 10-14 July 2017, Tartu, Estonia: 'The English dative alternation as an adaptive response to changes in the constructional network'.

50th annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 10-13 September 2017, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Introduction: Workshop Ditransitives in Germanic Languages' (co-organised with Timothy Coleman, Melanie Röthlisberger).

12th Evolution of Language International Conference (EVLANG); 16-19 April 2018, Toruń, Poland: 'The English dative alternation as an adaptation to changes in the constructional network'.

5th International Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE); 17-20 July 2018, London, UK: 'The dative alternation in Middle English: a binary choice?'.

20th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL); 27-31 August 2018, Edinburgh, UK: 'Prepositions in Early Modern English argument structure' (Hundt & Zehentner).

International workshop on 'The Diachrony of Ditransitives', 29-30 November 2018, Vercelli, Italy: 'Binary choices versus complex networks: The history of the English dative alternation'.

15th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC); 06-11 August 2019, Nishinomiya, Japan: 'A convent of sisters without a mother superior? – Discussing abstract nodes in the constructional network' (Sommerer & Zehentner).

52nd annual meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea* (SLE); 21-24 August 2019, Leipzig, Germany: 'Comparing annotation schemes across time: The problem of syntactic mapping' (Zehentner, Hundt, Röthlisberger & Schneider).

[Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics (SWELL); 27 March 2020, Zurich, Switzerland: '*In March I'll go to Zurich to report on my current research: prepositions in verbal argument structure in the history of English*' (postponed)]

41st ICAME conference; 20-24 May 2020, Heidelberg, Germany: 'Prepositions in English verbal complementation over time: Variation and crystallisation'

[21st International Conference of English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL); 08-10 June 2020, Leiden, Netherlands: 'Adjuncts vs complements? Changes in the network of prepositions in verbal argument constructions' (postponed)]

UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference 2020 (UK-CLC); 28-30 July 2020, Birmingham, UK: 'Animacy in the diachrony of the English dative alternation: the role of subjects'

[11th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG11); 20-22 August 2020, Antwerp, Belgium: 'Expanding networks: Prepositional argument structure constructions in the history of English' (postponed)]

53rd Annual meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE); 26-29 August 2020, Bucharest, Romania: 'Resolving competition in English verbal argument structure: NPs vs PPs'

Historical English Linguistics at Zurich and Beyond 4 (HEL); 30 October 2020, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Prepositional verb complementation patterns in the history of English: Increase, decrease, both or neither?'

linguistweets (the first international twitter conference on linguistics); 05 December 2020: 'who gives what to whom, and how do we know'

Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics (SWELL); 12 March 2021, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Adjuncts vs complements and anything in-between: Prepositions in the history of English'

21st International Conference of English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL), 07-11 June 2021, Leiden, Netherlands: 'Complements versus adjuncts: Verb-attached PPs in the history of English'

Corpus Approaches to Lexicogrammar (LxGr); 03 July 2021, Edge Hill University, Ormskirk, UK: 'Alternations emerge and disappear: The network of dispossession constructions in the history of English'

11th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG11); 17-20 August 2021, Antwerp, Belgium: 'Expanding networks (?): NP versus PP argument structures in the history of English'

54th Annual meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE); 30 August – 03 September 2021, Athens, Greece: 'Competition in the history of English verbal argument structure: NPs vs PPs' (Hundt & Zehentner)

54th Annual meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE); 30 August – 03 September 2021, Athens, Greece: 'The history of the English dative alternation: from morphosyntax to pragmatics'

Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning (X-PPL 2021); 16-17 September 2021, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Is redundancy useful in language? Agent-Recipient disambiguation in English and Dutch' (Zehentner & Pijpops)

Workshop *Modelling constructional variation and change*; 15-16 November 2021, Zurich, Switzerland: 'Measuring adjunct-status in diachronic data'

linguistweets (the first international twitter conference on linguistics); 05 December 2021: 'redundancy: do dutch and english speakers like it?' (Zehentner & Pijpops)

Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics (SWELL); 25 February 2022, Basel, Switzerland: 'Redundancy in argument structure: Ditransitives in present day and historical English'

43rd ICAME conference; 27 July - 30 July 2022, Cambridge, UK: 'Which factors are at play in English argument structure variation? NPs vs PPs throughout time'

25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL); 01-05 August 2022, Oxford, UK: 'Go to church or die in prison: tracing V-PP combinations with bare institutional nouns in the history of English' (Zehentner & Sommerer)

25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL); 01-05 August 2022, Oxford, UK: 'English verb complementation over time: from NP to PP or vice versa' (poster presentation)

Joint Conference on Language Evolution (EVLANG/ Protolang/ Evolving Linguistics); 05-08 September 2022, Kanazawa, Japan: 'Is redundancy useful in language? Agent-Recipient disambiguation in English and Dutch' (poster presentation; Zehentner & Pijpops)

9th Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (BICLCE); 15-17 September 2022, Ljubljana, Slovenia: 'I'm all virtual peopled out': Creativity, productivity, and schematicity in the case of innovative NP + out combinations' (Workshop 'Today's innovations, tomorrow's conventions')

CogLing Days 2022 (*Language, Discourse and Cognition: Interdisciplinary Approaches*); 08-09 December 2022, Tilburg, Netherlands: 'Is language efficient or redundant? How language users distinguish the agent from the recipient in English and Dutch' (Pijpops & Zehentner)

Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics (SWELL); 10 March 2023, Geneva, Switzerland: 'Alternations (at) that time: NP vs PP time adjuncts in the history of English'

11th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG12); 19-21 May 2023, Prague, Czech Republic: 'English prepositional verbs emerged through constructionalisation(?)'

16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC); 07-11 August 2023, Düsseldorf, Germany: 'Revisiting constructional gradience: V-PP patterns in the history of English' (Workshop 'Grammatical constructions and the usage-based model')

16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC); 07-11 August 2023, Düsseldorf, Germany: 'Is language efficient or redundant? How language users distinguish the agent from the recipient in English and Dutch' (Workshop 'New perspectives on communicative efficiency'; Zehentner & Pijpops)

56th Annual meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE); 29 August - 01 September 2023, Athens, Greece: 'Ambiguity beats complexity in the history of the English conative alternation'

56th Annual meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE); 29 August - 01 September 2023, Athens, Greece: 'A large-scale assessment of competition between nominal and prepositional patterns in the history of English' (Egurtzegi & Zehentner; poster presentation)

26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL26); 04-08 September 2023, Heidelberg, Germany: Workshop 'Ambiguity (avoidance) as a factor in language change' (Zehentner & De Cesare)

Outreach (sci-comm) activities

- 2014 *Cool! - Musik und Historie*; Radio interview, Ö1 Radiokolleg (ORF), Vienna (25-28 August 2014)
- 2015 *Die Evolution der Sprache: Sprachwandel im Laufe der Zeit*; Public dialogue, 'Flanieren durch die Wissenschaft', Campus Festival (13 June 2015)
- 2016 *Warum redet Oma anders als ich? Wie verändert sich Sprache?* [Why does granny sound different to me? How does language change?]. Lecture at the Kinderuni Wien [Children's University Vienna] (14 July 2016)
- 2017 *Deutsch ist mit Indisch verwandt: Stimmt das wirklich? Über Sprachgeschichte, Sprachfamilien und das Volk der Indogermanen*. [Is it really true that German is related to Indian? On language history, language families and the Indo-European people]. Lecture at the Kinderuni Wien [Children's University Vienna] (19 July 2017)
- 2017- *Young Science-messenger* (Cooperation between researchers and schools), Vienna
- 2018 *Sprache als Virus*. [Language as a virus]. Science Slam talk, Vienna (22 March 2018)
- 2018 *The Tower of Babel Revisited*. Public lecture at the York Festival of Ideas, York (13 June 2018; with Ann Taylor)
- 2018 *English: Forged by conquest, shaped by culture*. Family Fringe activity at the York Festival of Ideas, York (10 June 2018)
- 2019 *Languages as the wonders of the world*. Family Fringe activity at the York Festivals of Ideas, York (08 June 2019)
- 2021 *Why language change? Cultural versus cognitive factors in the history of English*. ES Alumni Colloquia, Zurich (31 August 2021)
- 2023 *Swiss German, English, or Hindi: Language relations and language change*. Senior:innen-Universität [Senior citizen university], Zurich (20 April 2023)

Non-academic event organisation

2022	<i>SOLA</i> -relay race team captain (University of Zurich/ ETH Zurich, 07 May 2022)
2023	<i>SOLA</i> -relay race team captain (University of Zurich/ ETH Zurich, 06 May 2023)
2024	<i>SOLA</i> -relay race team captain (University of Zurich/ ETH Zurich, 04 May 2024)

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Language skills

German (Austrian German)	native
English	native-like proficiency (C2)
Spanish	advanced (C1)
French	basic (A2)

IT-skills

Design	Microsoft Office-Suite	advanced
Programming/ Statistics	R	advanced
	Python	basic

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