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Citizenship: German / French

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Education

Universität Bern

PhD in General Linguistics

Feb 2017 – Sept 2021

Mentors: Professors Fernando Zúñiga,

Isabelle Bril (CNRS, France)

insigni cum laude

SOAS, University of London

MA in Language Documentation and Description

Sept 2015 – Sept 2016

Mentors: Professors Julia Sallabank, Peter Austin

Distinction

Universität Bern

MA in Linguistics, minor in Sociolinguistics

Sept 2014 – Sept 2015

all ECTS except thesis, went to London

BA in Linguistics, minor in French

Sept 2011 – Feb 2015

Erasmus semester in Stockholm

insigni cum laude

Work experience

Department of Linguistics, Bern

Associate Researcher

Oct 2022 – Dec 2023

Department of Linguistics, Bern

Lecturer

Aug 2021 – Feb 2023

Department of Linguistics, Bern

Assistant

Feb 2017 – Feb 2021

- Teaching of classes on BA and MA level,
- student advisor and administrator (deciding on eligibility of classes, checking study profiles for completeness before sending on to Dean's Office),
- co-chairing BA exams and commenting on theses,
- organizing guest lectures,
- administrative assistant tasks (administration of classes on ILIAS and KSL, ordering course reading, classifying new books for the library)

Teaching and Research

Research interests	Language documentation, descriptive linguistics, syntactic typology, anthropological linguistics, (pre-)colonial history of the Pacific
Scholarships	SNSF grant P500PH_217641 PostDoc Mobility 2024-2026
	IGS grant 0321 (ELDP) 2017 – 2020
Research experience	Sketch grammars of Nemi and Paicî and alignment typology of the North of New Caledonia Jan 2024 – Dec 2025
	Alignment in Paicî Oct 2022 – Dec 2023 Associate Researcher at the Department of Linguistics, Bern
	Documentation and description of Vamale, an endangered language of New Caledonia Feb 2017 – 2021 Mentor: Prof. Fernando Zúñiga (Bern) Language documentation and participative projects concerning Vamale, archived on ELAR
Publications	Alignment in Vamale Open Linguistics, <i>in press</i> A Grammar of Vamale (Language Science Press, <i>in press</i>)
Talks and tutorials	Vamale – Sprachbeschreibung, Sprachdokumentation Mar 2020 Science Slam, Nachhaltigkeitswoche Universität Bern (first place)

Aspect in Vamale (South Oceanic) The example of *balan* Jun 2019
Talk at *Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics* (APLL), Leiden

The place of Vamale (New Caledonia) in a multilingual environment – Attitudes towards it and differences across time and space Apr 2019
Talk at *Typology of small-scale multilingualism*, Lyon

Possession in Vamale Aug 2018
Talk at SLE, Tallinn (co-authored with Prof. Zúñiga)

Teaching experience

Lecturer, Department of Linguistics (Bern)

Einführung in die Syntax Spring 2017, Fall 2022
An introduction into functional syntax. Based on Kroeger (2004) and own exercises, the students learn basic syntactic vocabulary, and to analyze syntactic data. Written exam.
Average student rating: 5/6

Strukturkurs Vamale Fall 2020
A presentation of Vamale (South Oceanic) in its wider geographical and cultural context, with some exercises, via Zoom.

Einführungslehrveranstaltung Morphosyntax Spring 2020, 2019
An introduction of the most basic linguistic concepts in morphology and syntax, with a brief overview of important theoretical schools. Via Zoom and podcast. Written exam.
Average student rating: 5.5/6 (both times)

Ozeanische Sprachen Fall 2019
An introduction of the Oceanic language family with cultural and historical information. Written exam.
Average student rating: 5.3/6

Einführungslehrveranstaltung Phonetik und Phonologie Fall 2019, 2023
An introduction into phonetics (Praat) and phonology, with problem sets and transcription exercises. Written exam, audio-based part for transcription.
Average student rating: 5.5/6

Seminar Feldforschung, BA und MA Spring 2022, 2019
Class on field work and descriptive linguistics. Working with a speaker of Blin (Agaw, Afro-Asiatic), students described parts of the language. Graded exercises and final paper.

Average student rating: 5/6

Voluntary work

“Petit Dico du Vamale” 2021
Dictionary app in French. Distributed among members of the speaker communities Tiouandé, Téganpaïk and Oué Hava in New Caledonia, met with success.

“Une Grammaire du Vamale” 2021–
Layman’s grammar in French, with language-learning exercises. Aimed at members of the speaker communities .

Co-founding “Association Vamale”, Aug 2019
Tiouandé (New Caledonia)
The association is meant to foster a revitalization of this language, see [this blog post](#) I wrote about it for ELAR.

Lexicographic Project Vamale, Téganpaïk (NC) 2017–

“Ateliers de langue”, Téganpaïk (NC) Jun – Dec, 2018, 2019
Participative workshops for a Vamale orthography and revitalization