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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER IN LINGUISTICS

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## Employment

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### University of Milano-Bicocca

Postdoctoral Researcher

ERC Synergy: *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*, Acquirer group

PIs: Artemis Alexiadou (HU), Maria Teresa Guasti (UniMiB), and Uli Sauerland (ZAS)

Milan, Italy

February 2021 -

## Education

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### Harvard University

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Title: *Polar questions and interrogative particles: a crosslinguistic investigation*

Committee: Gennaro Chierchia (chair), Kathryn Davidson, Anamaria Fălăuş

M.A. in Linguistics

Cambridge, MA

January 2021

### Universitat Pompeu Fabra

27th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information

Barcelona, Spain

2015

### Université de Nantes

M.A. in Linguistics (*Summa cum laude*)

B.A. in Linguistics (*Summa cum laude*)

B.S. in Mathematics

Nantes, France

2014

2012

2011

### University of Wrocław

European Generative Grammar Summer School in Linguistics

Wrocław, Poland

2013

## Presentations

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### INVITED

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| 2019 | <b>Free choice in French constituent unconditionals</b> , [with Karoliina Lohiniva]<br>SynSem Seminar, LLING UMR 6310 CNRS/Université de Nantes, September 20, 2019 | Nantes, France     |
| 2019 | <b>Question-Answer Clauses: relation to focus</b> ,<br>NYU Semantics Group, April 26, 2019  | New York City, NY  |
| 2019 | <b>Free choice in French constituent unconditionals</b> , [with Karoliina Lohiniva]<br>New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, March 11, 2019                     | New York City, NY  |
| 2018 | <b>On embedded question-answer pairs</b> ,<br>SynSem Seminar, LLING UMR 6310 CNRS/Université de Nantes, December 4, 2018  | Nantes, France     |
| 2014 | <b>Negative coordination in French: single <i>ni</i> vs. double <i>ni</i></b> ,<br>Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, June 11, 2014                                | Göttingen, Germany |

## PEER-REVIEWED

- Upcoming **Presuppositions in polar questions**, [poster]  
31st Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT), Brown University, May 7-9, 2021 Online
- Upcoming **Two types of presuppositions in polar questions**, Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 44,  
GLOW Board, April 15-17 2021 Online
- 2021 **Expletive negation and negative polarity: the view from Québec French**, [with Justin Royer]  
DGfS2021 - Workshop *Empirical approaches to canonical and non-canonical uses of negation*, University of  
Freiburg, February 24-26, 2021 Online
- 2020 **“Expletive negation” as a decomposed NPI in Québec French**, [with Justin Royer]  
Going Romance 34, Université Paris 8 / CNRS, November 25-27, 2020 Online
- 2020 **Free Choice in Constituent Unconditionals: Evidence from French**, [with Karoliina Lohiniva]  
Sensus 2020, UMass, April 18-19, 2020 September 26-27, 2020 Online
- 2019 **The syntax and semantics of French constituent unconditionals**, [poster, with Karoliina Lohiniva]  
CSSP 2019, Université Paris 8 / CNRS, October 2-4, 2019 Paris, France
- 2019 **A Compositional Semantics for Free Choice Constituent Unconditionals**, [poster, with Karoliina Lohiniva]  
Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 24, Osnabrück University, September 4-7, 2019 Osnabrück,  
Germany
- 2019 **French constituent unconditionals relativize a free choice item**, [with Karoliina Lohiniva]  
49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), University of Georgia, May 1-4, 2019 Athens, GA
- 2018 **Answering negative questions in American Sign Language**, [with Kate Henninger & Kathryn Davidson]  
RALFe 2018, Université Paris 8 / CNRS, December 6-7, 2018 Paris, France
- 2018 **Answering negative questions in American Sign Language**, [with Kate Henninger & Kathryn Davidson]  
49th North East Linguistic Society (NELS), Cornell University, October 5-7, 2018 Ithaca, NY
- 2018 **Countability distinctions without linguistic cues**, [poster]  
ConSOLE 2018, UCL, February 14-16, 2018 London, UK
- 2017 **Bare nominals in French and Romanian**, [with Teodora Mihoc]  
47th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), University of Delaware, April 20-23, 2017 Newark, DE
- 2016 **A morpho-semantic decomposition of French *le moindre* into *even+superlative***, [with Sophie Moracchini]  
46th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), Stony Brook University, March 31- April 3, 2016 Stony Brook, NY
- 2015 **Negative coordination in French**,  
ESSLLI 2015 - Student Session, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, August 3-14, 2015 Barcelona, Spain
- 2015 **Negative coordination in Spanish vs. French**, [with Elizabeth Heredia Murillo & Hamida Demirdache],  
VII Encuentro de Gramática Generativa (EGG), July 29-31, 2015 Buenos Aires,  
Argentina
- 2014 **Negative coordination: *ni* vs. *ni...ni* in French**, [with Hamida Demirdache]  
44th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), Western University, May 2-4, 2014 London, Canada
- 2013 **Negative Coordination: NPI *ni* & *n*-word *ni même* in French**,  
SinFonJA 6, University of Niš, September 26-28, 2013 Niš, Serbia
- ## OTHER
- 2018 **Embedded question-answer pairs in American Sign Language and Korean**,  
LingedIn, Harvard University, November 26, 2018 Cambridge, MA
- 2018 **Answering negative questions in American Sign Language**, [with Kate Henninger]  
Meaning & Modality Lab, Harvard University, May 8, 2018 Cambridge, MA

- 2017 **Bare nominals in French and Romanian**, [with Teodora Mihoc]  
Meaning & Modality Lab, Harvard University, April 11, 2017 Cambridge, MA
- 2017 **Mass-count distinction without linguistic cues**,  
Meaning & Modality Lab, Harvard University, March 28, 2017 Cambridge, MA
- 2016 **A morpho-semantic decomposition of French *le moindre* into *even+superlative***, [with Sophie Moracchini]  
LingedIn, Harvard University, March 23, 2016 Cambridge, MA
- 2015 **Morphologically complex expressions: analyzing *le moindre* as superlative+even**, [with Sophie Moracchini], SNEWS, Harvard University, November 21, 2015 Cambridge, MA
- 2015 **Negative Concord in Georgian**,  
ECO-5, Harvard University, April 11, 2015 Cambridge, MA
- 2014 **Probing the construal of anaphors in child: A pilot study with the focus particle *seulement***, [with Sophie Moracchini, Jiyoung Choi, Natasa Knezevic & Hamida Demirdache], 1st Groningen-Nantes Van Gogh Workshop on the Acquisition of Syntax & Semantics, University of Groningen, June 31- July 1, 2014 Groningen  
Netherlands

## Publications

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- Under review **Residue of Universality**, Submitted to *Journal of Semantics*; current decision: revise and resubmit.
- Accepted **French constituent unconditionals relativize a free choice item**, [with Karoliina Lohiniva], Submitted to *Romance Linguistics 2019*.
- 2020 **Exclusivity in Unconditionals**, [with Karoliina Lohiniva], *Snippets 39*: 1-2.
- 2020 **A Compositional Semantics for Free Choice Constituent Unconditionals**, [with Karoliina Lohiniva] in M. Franke, N. Kompa, M. Liu, J. Mueller, and J. Schwab (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24*. 1, 223-241.
- 2019 **Answering negative questions in American Sign Language**, [with Kate Henninger & Kathryn Davidson] in M. Baird and J. Pesetsky (eds.), *NELS 49: Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. 2, 31-44.
- 2019 **A Guide to Writing a Senior Thesis in Linguistics**, [with Yuyin He & Julia Sturm], Harvard Writing Center.
- To appear **A neo-Carlsonian approach to bare plural nominals in Romanian and French**, [with Teodora Mihoc] in J. Sturm (ed.), *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics*.
- 2018 **Countability distinctions without linguistic cues**, in A. van Alem, A. Ionova and C. Pots (eds.), *ConSOLE XXVI: Proceedings of the 26th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, 99-115.
- 2015 **Negative coordination in French**, in M. Kaeshammer and P. Schulz (eds.), *Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2015 Student Session*, 66-76.

## Teaching

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### AS INSTRUCTOR

#### Harvard University

*Experimental Methods in Linguistics*

*A beginner's introduction to experiments* [with Teodora Mihoc]

Cambridge, MA

Fall 2017

April 25, 2017

**Université de Nantes**

Semantics &amp; Pragmatics [with Lucas Tual]

Nantes, France

Spring 2014

**AS TEACHING ASSISTANT****Harvard University***Knowledge of Meaning* (undergraduate level semantics, Instructor: Gennaro Chierchia)*Language, Structure & Cognition*, Head TA (undergraduate intro course, Instructor: Kathryn Davidson)*Knowledge of Meaning* (undergraduate level semantics, Instructor: Yimei Xiang)*Language, Structure & Cognition* (undergraduate intro course, Instructor: Kathryn Davidson)

Cambridge, MA

Spring 2018

Fall 2017

Spring 2017

Fall 2016

**Other experience**

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**Harvard University**

Lab Manager, Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)

Research Assistant, Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)

Lab Manager, Meaning and Modality Lab (PI: Kathryn Davidson)

Cambridge, MA

2018-2019

Spring 2018

2016-2017

**Université de Nantes**Collaborator on the Van Gogh project, *A crosslinguistic perspective on children's acquisition of Grammar-Meaning interfaces*, (PIs: Hamida Demirdache & Angeliek van Hout)

Nantes, France

2014

**Grants and Awards**

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**RESEARCH & TRAVEL****Harvard University**

GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Cambridge, MA

2019-2020

**University of Georgia**

LSRL 49 Graduate Student Award

Athens, GA

2019

**Harvard University**

Graduate Student Council Conference Grant

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Conference Travel Grant

Cambridge, MA

2018

2018

**Université de Nantes**

Merit-based scholarship

Nantes, France

2012-2014

**TEACHING****Harvard University**

Derek C. Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates, Nominee

Harvard Bok Center Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship

Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for *Knowledge of Meaning*Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for *Language, Structure & Cognition*Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for *Knowledge of Meaning*

Cambridge, MA

2019

2018-2019

2018

2018

2017

## Academic Service

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### REVIEWING

Sensus (2020), TFL-Nantes (2019), ESSLLI student session (2017)

*Abstracts*

Proceedings of ConSOLE XXVI (2018), Proceedings of SinFonJA 6 (2014)

*Proceedings*

Topics in Linguistics

*Journal*

### CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

#### **Boston University**

*Boston, MA*

Student Volunteer at BUCLD 42

November 4, 2017

#### **Harvard University**

*Cambridge, MA*

Co-organizer of Southern New England Workshop in Semantics

November 21, 2015

### STUDENT POSITIONS

#### **Harvard University**

*Cambridge, MA*

Member of Admitted Students Welcome Committee

2018-2019

Co-organizer of the LingedIn Workshop

2016-2017

President of Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics

2016-2017

Member of Harvard Graduate Students in Linguistics

2014-2017

Co-organizer of Harvard Linguistic Circle Colloquium Series

2015-2016

## Miscellaneous

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Meaning and Modality Lab, Institute for Quantitative Social Science (Harvard University)

*Affiliations*

TeX, R, Python, Praat, Qualtrics

*Technical Skills*

French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (heritage), ASL (beginner), LSF (beginner), Georgian (fieldwork)

*Languages*