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EDUCATION

RTG 2636, University of Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

Ph.D. in Theoretical Linguistics

2021 - 2025 (expected)

- Advisor: Prof. Clemens Mayr, Prof. Uwe Junghanns
- Dissertation: Polymorphism of Distributivity in Mandarin
- Research areas: Formal semantics/pragmatics; Semantics-pragmatics distinction; Logic in language; Chinese linguistics

English Department, University of Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

MA in English Philology (Focus: Linguistics)

2017 - 2020

- Advisors: Prof. Clemens Mayr, Dr. Hildegard Farke
- Thesis title: Attitude de se and Long-Distance Anaphor 'ziji': An Account Based on Evidential Perspective Shift

English/German Department, University of Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

Two-subject BA in English Philology and German Philology

2014 - 2017

Summer Schools **ESSLLI** Held virtually

Jul.-Aug. 2021

CreteLing Rethymnon, Crete, Greece

University of Crete Jul. 2022

Topics in Corpus Annotation and Data Analysis 2022 Göttingen, Germany

University of Göttingen Sept. 2022

DGfS Summer School Göttingen, Germany

University of Göttingen Aug. 2024

Research Stays

Visiting fellow appointment at Harvard University

Boston, US

Local supervisor: Prof. Gennaro Chierchia

Aug.- Dec. 2022

- Regular one-on-one mentorship sessions with Prof. Chierchia
- Participation in Javanese fieldwork organized by Dr. Tanya Bondarenko
- Scholarly exchanges with Harvard and MIT researchers

Short-term research visit in the UK

London, UK

Invited by Prof. Biberauer (Cambridge) to deliver a talk; to undertake two-week scholarly exchanges with UK linguists

May. 2024

- Discussed Mandarin syntax with Prof. Biberauer (Cambridge)
- Examined dou-semantics with Dr. Danfeng Wu (Oxford)
- Received feedback from Prof. Klaus Abels (UCL)

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Zhao, Z (2024). Dou and homogeneity removal A new perspective to the co-occurrence puzzle. Proceedings of *ConSOLE XXXII* (17-19 January 2024, Queen Mary University of London), pp. 181-194. [Link]
- 2. Zhao, Z (2025). How to reconcile maximal and non-maximal 'every'. In Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29. (To appear) [Link]

Presentations

Conferences/workshops

- **Zeqi Zhao**. Revisiting the *de se* requirement on *ziji*: The relevance of evidentiality. Talk at *English Oberseminar*, Göttingen, Germany. 2022.
- Zeqi Zhao. Re-examining the grammaticalization path of dou. Talk at Meeting on language change and linguistic analysis, Göttingen, Germany. 2022.
- Zeqi Zhao. The puzzles of Mandarin *mei-dou* co-occurrence. Talk at *English Oberseminar*, Göttingen, Germany. 2023.
- Zeqi Zhao. Can dou collapse homogeneity?. Talk at Gaps and imprecision in natural language semantics: homogeneity effects and beyond(HNM2), Vienna, Austria. 2023.
- Zeqi Zhao. Dou and homogeneity removal: A new perspective to the co-occurrence puzzle. Talk at 32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe(ConSole), London, UK. 2024.
- Zeqi Zhao. *Dou* and homogeneity removal. Poster at *Konstanz Linguistics Conference*, Konstanz, Germany. 2024.
- Zeqi Zhao and Gautam Ottur. A small dōu-sage of syntax měi be necessary. Talk at *The 44th TABU Dag*, Groningen, NL. 2024.
- **Zeqi Zhao**. The interpretation of Mandarin Bare Numeral Phrases: (in)definiteness without articles. Talk at *English Oberseminar*, Göttingen, Germany. 2024.
- Zeqi Zhao. How to reconcile maximal and non-maximal 'every'. Poster at *Sinn und Bedeutung* 29, Noto, Italy. 2024.

Invited talk

Zeqi Zhao and Gautam Ottur. A small dōu-sage of syntax měi be necessary Quantification in Mandarin. Talk at SyntaxLab at the University of Cambridge,
London, UK. 2024.

Awards and Honors

- Honor: Master's degree conferred "with distinction"
- Sept. 2020
- Second prize (provincial level), "Challenge Cup" National Undergraduates Curricular Academic Competition of Science and Technology Jul. 2013

TEACHING

E-Proseminar "Introduction to English Linguistics"

WinSe 2023/24

Guest lecturer

University of Göttingen

• Instructor: Gautam Ottur

• Task: Gave a guest lecture on "pragmatics"

Semantic lab class WinSe 2023/24

Instructor

University of Göttingen

• Task: taught compositional semantics skills to first-year linguistics majors; Graded examinations; Held additional office hours.

Advanced seminar "Quantification and binding"

SoSe 2020

Teaching assistant

University of Göttingen

• Instructor: Clemens Mayr

• Task: Developed and delivered targeted problem-solving tutorials; Graded assignments.

Advanced seminar "Intensionality"

SoSe 2020

Teaching assistant

University of Göttingen

• Instructor: Clemens Mayr

• Task: Developed and delivered targeted problem-solving tutorials; Graded assignments.

Introduction to Semantic Theory

SoSe 2019

Teaching assistant

University of Göttingen

• Instructor: Clemens Mayr

• Task: Developed and delivered targeted problem-solving tutorials; Graded assignments; Held additional office hours.

Hauptseminar Semantics: "Issues in the syntax-semantics interface" SoSe 2019

Teaching assistant

University of Göttingen

• Instructor: Clemens Mayr

• Task: Graded assignments.

SKILLS

Languages:

- Mandarin Chinese (native)
- English (full professional proficiency)
- German(advanced; DSH-2 certified)
- Javanese (Fieldwork)

Technical skills: Python, R, LATEX, Markdown.

Academic Services

• Reviewers for: Natural Language Semantics (Journal papers),

ConSOLE (Abstracts),

GINLS (Abstracts)

- Participated in **admissions interviews** for the second cohort of RTG 2636 graduate students.
- Graduate student representative at RTG 2636.
- Co-organizer of NELS 53 in Göttingen, 2023.
- Co-organizer of LinG/RTG2636 Colloquium series in Göttingen, 2021-2024.
- Participation in voluntary work for "NaP2019- Number and plurality" in Göttingen.

Public Outreach

(with Nina Haslinger) Public talk at the 5th Night of Science in Göttingen, 2022: Wie viel Logik steckt in menschlichen Sprachen? ("How much logic is there in human languages?")

Referees

• Prof. Dr. Clemens Mayr

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• Prof. Dr. Uwe Junghanns

Seminar für Slavische Philologie, University of Göttingen, Germany Email: uwe.junghanns@phil.uni-goettingen.de

• Prof. Dr. Hedde Zeijlstra

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• Prof. Dr. Naixing WEI

School of Foreign Languages, Beihang University (Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics), China

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