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RESEARCH INTERESTS

GENERAL: (Morpho)syntax, Syntax-semantics interface, First language acquisition, Psycholinguistics

SPECIFIC: Particle verbs, Participles, Argument/event structure, Neo-constructionism, German

EDUCATION

- 2022 – Present **University of Oxford** – Oxford, UK
DPhil in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
DPhil thesis topic: Aspect in German particle verbs
Supervisor: Dr. Kerstin Hoge
- 2020 – 2022 **University of Oxford** – Oxford, UK
MPhil in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics (Distinction)
MPhil thesis: The development of finiteness in *doch*-clauses in German L1 acquisition
Supervisor: Dr. Kerstin Hoge
- 2016 – 2020 **Beijing Foreign Studies University** – Beijing, China
BA in German Studies

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

VISITING

- 2025 – 2026 **Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics (ZAS)** – Berlin, Germany
Hanseatic scholarship program sponsored by Alfred Toepfer Stiftung
- 2018 – 2019 **Georg-August-Universität Göttingen** – Göttingen, Germany
Student exchange program sponsored by China Scholarship Council (CSC)

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Jul 2023 **The 5th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing)** – Rethymnon, Greece
Selected courses: Agreement systems; Dissimilation: destroyer of clauses; Syntax-semantics of (S)OV languages; Introduction to experimental psycholinguistics
Workshop: Meaning first and language acquisition
- Jun 2023 **Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL)** – York, UK
Selected course: CPs and their associates

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

submitted **Yiwei Si.** *Doch* as a hidden hurdle to finiteness realisation in German L1 acquisition. *Glossa*.

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

2025 – 2026 Hanseatic Scholarship (*approx.* GBP 12,570), Alfred Toepfer Stiftung
2022 – 2025 Clarendon Fund Scholarship (*approx.* GBP 102,000), University of Oxford
2022 Katrina Hayward Prize (GBP 100), Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, University of Oxford
Best performance in the MPhil examination
2018-2019 Visiting Student Scholarship (EUR 10,000), China Scholarship Council

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Aug 2024 **Yiwei Si.** Particles as GROUNDkeepers: the influence of German verbal particles on direct object realisation. Poster at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (LAGB), Newcastle University, UK.
Jun 2024 **Yiwei Si.** Particles as GROUNDkeepers: the influence of German verbal particles on direct object realisation. Talk at the 2024 edition of Workshop on Aspect and Argument Structure of Adverbs/Adjectives and Prepositions/Participles (WAASAP), Rovira i Virgili University, Spain.
Aug 2023 **Yiwei Si.** *Doch* as a hidden hurdle to finiteness realisation in German L1 acquisition. Talk at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (LAGB), Anglia Ruskin University, UK.
Jun 2023 **Yiwei Si.** The development of finiteness in *doch*-clauses in German L1 acquisition. Talk at the 23rd Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 23), University of Edinburgh, UK.
Feb 2023 **Yiwei Si.** The development of finiteness in *doch*-clauses in German L1 acquisition. Poster at the 31st Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 31), Bielefeld University, Germany.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- April 2024 - June 2025 **Research assistant, Oxford Language and Brain Lab** - Oxford, UK
 Project: Pertinacity in phonology: synchrony, diachrony, processing, modelling
 Principle investigators: Prof. Aditi Lahiri, Dr. Isabella Fritz
- Investigated the processing of German complex verbs, including particle verbs, prefix verbs, and double particle verbs (with *hin-* and *her-*) using cross-modal priming with EEG.
 - Novelty of the study: the first investigation of German double particle verb processing; contributes to the EEG-based exploration of German complex verb processing.
 - Supported all steps of research process including experimental design, stimuli preparation, participant recruitment, data collection and analysis, and manuscript preparation.
- Feb - June 2022 **Research assistant, Oxford Language and Brain Lab** - Oxford, UK
 Project: Journey of Words
 Principle investigators: Prof. Aditi Lahiri, Dr. Isabella Fritz
- Recruited participants and conducted more than 50 EEG experiments examining the processing of items which differ in their stress patterns across the languages in Dutch and German second-language (L2) learners of English.
 - Pre-processed EEG data using MATLAB.
- 2018 - 2019 **Research assistant, Peking University** - Beijing, China
 Project: Foreign language teaching model for cultivating affective competence in intercultural communication
 Principle investigator: Dr. Xuan Zheng
- Independently drafted four book reviews on intercultural communication.
 - Organized SSCI papers written within the last five years about the cultivation of intercultural ability in foreign language teaching and made classifications according to similarities and differences.
- 2018 **Research assistant, Beijing Foreign Studies University** - Beijing, China
 Project: A tracking study of oral ability development of English major students
 Principle investigator: Prof. Yan Lin
- Transcribed 28 5-minute-long audio records of 14 English major students' oral tests.
 - Coded 84 transcriptions in CHAT format (MacWhinney 2000).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Trinity 2025 **Tutor for German V (ii): Linguistic Studies II: Present Day, University of Oxford**
 Instructor: Dr. Kerstin Hoge
- Topics: Morphological acquisition; The syntax of non-standard varieties; Aktionsarten and particle verbs; Pronouns

Hilary 2025	Tutor for Prelims Semantics and Pragmatics, University of Oxford Instructor: Dr. Daniel Altshuler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught 4 tutorials to a group of four first-year undergraduates
2023 – 2024	Stipendiary lecturer in German linguistics, St Hilda’s College, University of Oxford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper taught: ‘German V (ii): Linguistic Studies II: Present Day’ • Conducted weekly one-to-one and small group tutorials for first- and second-year undergraduates in Modern Languages and Linguistics (MLL), and Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL), totaling 4 hours of instruction per week. • Topics: German phonetics and phonology, German morphology, German syntax, V3 in Kiezdeutsch (linguistic variation), The sociophonetics of gender identity (linguistic variation), Acquisition of German noun plurals (language acquisition), Finiteness and particles (language acquisition)
Hilary 2024	Tutor for Prelims Semantics and Pragmatics, University of Oxford Instructor: Dr. Danfeng Wu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught 4 tutorials to a group of four first-year undergraduates
Hilary 2023	Tutor for Prelims Semantics and Pragmatics, University of Oxford Instructor: Dr. Daniel Altshuler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught 4 tutorials to a group of six first-year undergraduates

SERVICE

REVIEWER

2024	Reviewer for <i>the Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 24)</i>
2023 - 2024	Reviewer for <i>the Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics (LingO)</i>

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2022 – 2024	Organizing committee for the Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics 2023 & 2024
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UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2024	Oxford UNIQ Summer School Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-host to a hands-on lab visit by 16 students from Weston Middle School
2023	Undergraduate admissions for Modern Languages and Linguistics, Linguistics and Philosophy, and Linguistics and Psychology at St Hilda’s College, University of Oxford

SKILLS

LANGUAGES:

Chinese Mandarin (native), English (fluent), German (fluent), Korean (elementary), French (elementary)

EXPERIMENTAL:

Acquisition and analysis of EEG data (BrainVision Recorder/Analyzer, EEGLab and ERPlab in MatLab)

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

CLAN (for CHILDES), CHAT transcription, \LaTeX , Python, Microsoft Office

Updated May 27, 2025