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📍 Geothe University, Frankfurt, Germany

## EMPLOYMENT

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Doctoral Researcher

Graduate School on Nominal modification

📅 October 2017 – Ongoing

📍 Frankfurt, Germany

## EDUCATION

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M.A. in Linguistics

Goethe University Frankfurt - Department of Linguistics

📅 2014 - 2017

Thesis: *Was für ein interessantes Thema. Zum Ursprung der was für-Konstruktion im Deutschen.*

graded: 1.0 (with distinction)

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B.A. in Literature and Anthropology

Goethe University Frankfurt - Department of Literature and Department of Cultural Anthropology

📅 October 2010 - October 2013

Thesis: *Komparativsyntax im 18. Jahrhundert. Historische Korpusstudie.*

graded: 1.3 (with distinction)

## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

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2019. The diachrony of *was für*

CGSW 34, Konstanz, Germany, June 14-15

2019. From head to clause: A diachronic approach to *was für* as predication

CamCos 8, Cambridge, UK, May 2-4

2018. The *für* in *was für*: Historical evidence against *was für* as *wh*-modification

CLS54, Chicago, USA, April 26-28

2018. What do you want for a drink? The structure of the German *was für* construction in light of historic data

GLOW 41, Budapest, Hungary, April 10-14

2018. What do you want for a drink? The origin of the *was für* construction in German

ConSOLE XXVI, London, United Kingdom, February 14-16

## PUBLICATIONS

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Hobich, Melanie (in press). A diachronic perspective on *was für*.

CLS 54: Proceedings of the 54th annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. Chicago, IL: The Chicago Linguistic Society.

## RESEARCH / TEACHING

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Student assistant: Segmentation of Oral Corpora

Department Pragmatik - IDS Mannheim, Germany. 2016 - 2017

Student assistant for Prof. Helmut Weiß

Goethe University Frankfurt. 2012 - 2017

Introduction to Linguistics

Teaching assistant. 2015 - 2016

Typology I

Teaching assistant. April 2015 - July 2016

Introduction to Historical Linguistics

Teaching assistant. April 2015 - July 2016

Theories of Syntax (co-taught)

Teaching assistant. April 2015 - July 2016

## INVITED TALKS

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2018. The case of *was für*. A diachronic perspective.

NYU Syntax Brown Bag, New York, USA, October 26

2017. *Was für ein interessantes Thema*. The origin of the *was für* construction

Universität Mannheim, Germany, January

## STAYS ABROAD

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Visiting Scholar: University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, USA. Fall term 2018

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

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CreteLing

Crete, Greece. July 2019

Sum-Up. 3rd Summer School in Historical Syntax

Potsdam, Germany. June 2018

CreteLing

Crete, Greece. July 2018