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Curriculum vitae

University of Neuchâtel

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Born: 30.10.1990

EMPLOYMENT

Aug 2024– January 2025

Lecturer, *Institute of Communication and Cognition Sciences*, University of Neuchâtel.

Aug. 2018 – May 2024

Teaching assistant and PhD student, Institute of Language and Communication Science, University of Neuchâtel.

Sept. 2016 – Jul. 2018

Scientific collaborator, Centre of Cognitive Science, University of Neuchâtel.

Sept. 2014 – Aug. 2016

Student-Assistant, Centre of Cognitive Science University of Neuchâtel.

EDUCATION

March 2024

PhD in human and social sciences, *University of Neuchâtel*.

Thesis: The Epistemic Pragmatics of Presupposition Accommodation.

Supervisor: Louis de Saussure. **Jury members:** David Beaver (University of Texas Austin), Elly Ifantidou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), Andrea Rocci (University of Lugano).

Distinction: *Summa cum laude*

Aug. 2016

Master of Arts in Cognitive Science, *University of Neuchâtel*.

Distinction: *Summa cum laude*

Sept. 2013

Bachelor in Communication Science and History, University of Neuchâtel.

Distinction: *Cum Laude*

Sept. 2012 – Feb. 2013

Exchange program for students of Quebec (PEE Québec, *Programme d'échange des étudiants du Québec*): fall semester spent at the University of Montreal (UdeM).

AWARDS

2021: Subside tremplin (discharge to complete thesis and research projects, December 1, 2021 - November 30, 2022), granted by the Equality and Diversity Office, University of Neuchâtel.

2016: Werner Günter Award (award for excellence from the Faculty of Letters, University of Neuchâtel).

PUBLICATIONS

▪ Peer reviewed publications

Mari, M. A., & Müller, M. L. (2023). Social cognition and Relevance: How stereotypes impact the processing of definite and indefinite descriptions. *Frontiers in Communication*.

Müller, M.-L. (2021). « *Presupposition effects: beyond and within speaker's meaning* ». Elly Ifantidou, Louis de Saussure and Tim Wharton (Eds). *Beyond Meaning*.

Müller, M.-L. & Mari, M. A. (2021). « Definite Descriptions in the Light of the Comprehension vs. Acceptance Distinction: Comparing Self-Paced Reading with Eye-Tracking Measures ». *Frontiers in Communication*.

Müller, M.-L. (2020). "Non-propositional meanings and commitment attribution: more arguments in favor of a cognitive approach ». *Journal of Argumentation in Context*. John Benjamins.

Muller, M.-L. (2018) "Accommodation: a cognitive heuristic for background information", *Anglophonia*.

Müller, M.-L. (2017). "Implicit communication: a tool for manipulation?", Actes du XXVIIe colloque des Journées de linguistique (Université Laval), *Langues et Linguistique*, vol. 33, 3-16.

▪ Books

Müller, M.-L. (2024). *Communication, influence, manipulation : outils d'analyse pragmatique*. Peter Lang.

▪ Publications for lay audiences

Müller, M.-L. (2021). Primes maladies: quand les chiffres dissimulent la question. *Arcinfo*. (URL: <https://www.arcinfo.ch/dossiers/eclairage/articles/primes-maladie-quand-les-chiffres-dissimulent-la-question-1084238>).

Müller, M.-L. (26.03.2020). Politique spectacle et COVID-19. [Vidéo]. YouTube. URL : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNuSBZwNlho&t=169s>

Müller, M.-L. (19.03.2020). Population à risque. [Vidéo]. YouTube. URL : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NFFqoUKj-Y>

Müller, M.-L. (2020). Post-Vérité ou faits alternatifs ? *Arcinfo* (URL : <https://www.arcinfo.ch/dossiers/eclairage/articles/eclairage-post-verite-ou-faits-alternatifs-894837>).

▪ PhD Thesis

Müller, M.-L. (2024). The Epistemic Pragmatics of Presupposition Effects. Université de Neuchâtel, defended March 11, 2024.

DOI: [10.35662/unine-these-3094](https://doi.org/10.35662/unine-these-3094)

▪ Master Thesis

Müller, M.-L. (2016). Plausible Deniability: from gricean pragmatics to the insights of Relevance theory. Neuchâtel, Université de Neuchâtel (mis en ligne:

https://www.academia.edu/29197017/Plausible_Deniability_From_gricean_pragmatics_to_the_insights_of_Relevance_theory).

▪ Translations

English to French

Corazza, E. (2018). « La notion de quasi-indexicalité », dans de Saussure, L. (Ed.). *Deixis et anaphore*. Vol. 3. ISTE Editions.

COMMUNICATIONS

2021, Winterthur (Switzerland), “Did you say “smart”? Reconstructing implicit meanings in the 2020 US presidential debate. *IPra*, 2 June.

2019, Lisbon (Portugal), “Reversing the Burden of Proof: denying implicit contents in verbal communication”. The International workshop on the discursive management of political disagreement (DISARGUE), 19-20 December.

2019, Como (Italy), “Presupposition accommodation: a shortcut with constraints”, SLI Conference, 19-21 September.

2018, Albany (USA), “Presuppositional traps: a cognitive pragmatic account of semantic and discursive presuppositions”, 4th International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA), 1-3 November.

2018, Oslo (Norway), “When was America last great?”. The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind, University of Oslo, 3 August.

- 2018, Sevilla (Spain), “Presupposition accommodation: A cognitive heuristic in a massively modular mind”. EPICS VIII – VIII International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics, University of Sevilla, 2-4 May.
- 2018, Lugano (Switzerland), “Plausible deniability: when implicit contents bow down before the speaker’s commitments”. ARGAGE - International conference on argumentation and language, USI - Università della Svizzera italiana in Lugano, 7-9 February.
- 2017, Bordeaux (France), with Louis de Saussure, “Accommodation and epistemic effects, a cognitive pragmatic approach to semantic and discursive presuppositions”. L’accommodation en linguistique (2ème édition), Université Bordeaux-Montaigne., 23-24 novembre.
- 2017, Athens (Greece), with Louis de Saussure, « On the relative ostensiveness of semantic and discursive presuppositions ». Beyond Meaning – international conference, National University of Athens, 13-15 September.
- 2016, Québec (Canada), « La communication implicite : la question de son évolution ». 30ème édition des Journées de Linguistique, Université de Laval, 3-4 mars.

TEACHING

2023-2024

- **Lectures accompagnées : travaux classiques en sciences du langage** (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel).

2021 – 2022

- **Lectures accompagnées : travaux classiques en sciences du langage** (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel), avec Prof. Louis de Saussure.

2020-2021

- **Séminaire de pragmatique : la rétractation du locuteur, de Grice à la théorie de la Pertinence** (séminaire de Bachelor, Université de Neuchâtel).

2019 – 2020

- **Séminaire de pragmatique** (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel).
- **Lectures classiques / méthodologie en sciences du langage** (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel), with Prof. Louis de Saussure. Sessions dedicated to **epistemology and methodology in general linguistics**.

2018– 2019

- **Lectures classiques / méthodologie en sciences du langage** (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel), with Prof. Louis de Saussure. Sessions dedicated to **epistemology and methodology in general linguistics**.

2017 - 2018

- "Introduction au travail de terrain et aux méthodes d'analyse" (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel), Prof. Cécile Petitjean. Sessions dedicated to **epistemology and methodology in general linguistics**.
- "Language, discourse and meaning" (MA course, University of Neuchatel), Prof. Louis de Saussure. One course entitled "Epistemic and discursive effects of presupposition accommodation".

2016 - 2017

- "Séminaire de pragmatique" (B.A. course, University of Neuchâtel), Prof. Louis de Saussure & Dr. Cristina Grisot. One session dedicated to **presuppositions (semantic, pragmatic and discursive)**.

DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

2017

- CUSO Program: *GOING FORMAL – Théorie et méthodologie en sémantique et pragmatique formelles*, University of Geneva (15-16 June). Resp. Lucas Tual.
- SwissUniversities Doctoral Program : *Pragmatics Next*, University of Fribourg (13 March). Resp. Didier Maillat.
- CUSO Program : *Le raisonnement statistique, visualisation et analyse des données catégorielles et numériques*, University of Geneva, (13-14 February). Resp. Karoliina Lohiniva.
- CUSO Program: *Modality in grammar and discourse*, Champex, (15-18 January). Resp. Genoveva Puskas. **2016**
- CRUS Doctoral Program: *Linguistic Relativity - New Takes*, Université de Fribourg (18-19 February). Resp. Didier Maillat.
- CUSO Program: *Phonology and Morphology: interface and computation*, Leysin (18-21 January). Resp. Ur Shlonsky.

2015

- *VariaForMea* Winter School: *Variation in Form and Meaning*, Macolin (7-9 December). Resp. Jacques Moeschler.
- Durham University workshop: *Ancient Inifinity and Inifinite Regress Arguments*, Durham (United Kingdom) (13-14th July). Resp. Matthew Duncombe.

ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS

2021

- Organisation of an international workshop entitled "Plausible deniability in the post-truth era", Neuchatel (17 September).

2018

- with Cristina Grisot and Joanna Blochowiak, organisation of the Panel "**Biases in language comprehension and reasoning**". EPICS VIII – VIII International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics, University of Sevilla, 2-4 May.

- Member of the organizing committee of “**Chronos – International conference on tense, aspect, modality and evidentiality**”, Neuchatel (4-6 June). **2017**
- Member of the organizing committee of “**Beyond Meaning – International Conference**”, Athens (13-15 September).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French: mother tongue

English: excellent knowledge

German: good knowledge

Japanese: N5 level at the *Japanese language proficiency test*.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Office programs: **Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook** (advanced knowledge).

Experimental Software: **Qualtrics** (advanced knowledge).

Statistical Software: **R-commander** (basic level), **SPSS** (basic level).

ACTIVITÉS FACULTAIRES

- Representative for the working group for the evaluation of the MA in Cognitive Sciences, March 2021 (Quality Office, University of Neuchâtel).
- Responsible for communication between the intermediate body and the Faculty Council of Arts and Humanities, 2019-2020 (University of Neuchâtel).
- Representative of the intermediate body at the Faculty Council of Arts and Humanities, 2019-2020 (University of Neuchâtel).

AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Swiss Linguistic Society.

CARRIER BREAK

May 2022 – Oct. 2022 : Maternity leave

March 2014 – Sept. 2014 : Maternity leave.