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Research Areas

Formal Semantics, Natural Language Ontology, Lexical Semantics
Nominalization, Referentiality, Event Structure, Generics

Positions

University assistant (Postdoc) 2024 –
Institute of Linguistics, Universität Graz.

Research assistant 2023 – 2024
Department of Translation and Language Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Pre-doctoral researcher 2018 – 24
Department of Translation and Language Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Education

Degrees

Ph.D. in Translation and Language Sciences, *cum laude*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. 2018 – 24
Thesis: *Verbal gerunds in English: a case study in natural language ontology and referentiality*
Advisor: Louise McNally

M.A. in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. 2016 – 17
Thesis: *Middle constructions in Chinese*
Advisor: Josep M. Fontana

M.A. in Hispanic Philology, Shanghai International Studies University. 2015 – 18
Thesis: *Efecto de la lengua materna en la producción de oclusivas españolas por alumnos chinos: Estudio de caso sobre hablantes del dialecto wu*
Advisor: Yufei Cao

B.A. in Spanish, Shanghai International Studies University. 2011 – 15
Project: La distinción auditiva de las oclusivas del español por estudiantes chinos
Advisor: Yufei Cao

Research Stays

Visiting PhD student 2021
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Sept. – Dec.
Advisor: Fabienne Martin

Non-Degree Studies

Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate 2024
Coursera Jun. 5 – Jul. 4

33nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 2022
National University of Ireland, Galway Aug. 8 – 19

32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 2021
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (Online) Jul. 26 – Aug. 13

Web Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (WeSSLLI) 2020
Brandeis University (Online) Jul. 11 – 17

31st European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 2019
University of Latvia Aug. 5 – 16

29th European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) 2017
University of Toulouse Jul. 17 – 28

PUBLICATIONS

Journal papers

2026. Yang, Fengrong, Huang, Zi & Sun, Wei. **La adquisición de los clíticos dativos en español por parte de los estudiantes chinos: un enfoque desde la teoría fundamentada**. *Sintagma 38*, 7–26.

Proceedings Papers of Refereed Conferences

2023. Huang, Zi. **POSS-*ing* as Kimian states**. In Lam, Suet-Ying and Satoru Ozaki (eds.), *NELS 53: Proceedings of the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting of the North East Lingusitic Society (Vol. 2)*. GLSA Publications. 71–84.

2023. Huang, Zi. **Temporal modification of event kinds.** In Pavlova, Alexandra, Mina Young Pedersen and Raffaella Bernardi (eds.), *Selected Reflections in Language, Logic, and Information: ESSLLI 2019, ESSLLI 2020 and ESSLLI 2021 Student Sessions, Selected Papers*. Springer. 136–151.

2021. Huang, Zi. **Distinguishing between POSS-*ing* and ACC-*ing*: Evidence from *with(out)***. In Holtz, Annie, Iva Kovač, Rasmus Puggaard-Rode and Joanna Wall (eds.), *ConSOLE XXIX: Proceedings of the 29th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (26-28 January 2021, Leiden University*. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics. 192-204.

As Editor

2026. Soare, Elena, Iordăchioaia, Gianina & Huang, Zi (Guest Editors). **The verb inside the nominalization**. Special collection in *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*.

TALKS

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

2026. Iordăchioaia, Gianina, Darby, Jeannique, Huang, Zi & Monakhov, Sergei. **Causativity and structural complexity in zero-derived and *ing*-nominals in English**. Oral presentation at the 19th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 19), University of Graz, Sept 30 – Oct 2.

2026. Huang, Zi. **Anaphoric Reference to Events via *the Fact***. Poster presentation at Rules and Exceptions in Anaphoric Processing (RED 26), Transilvania University of Braov, May 21 – 22.

2026. Lu, Yingfei, Huang, Zi & Montermini, Fabio. **Mapping Diminutive Evaluativeness in Spanish Prefixes: A Comparative Study of *micro-* and *mini-***. Oral presentation at *Unlocking Evaluative Morphology II*, Universitat d'Alacant, April 20 – 22.

2025. Huang, Zi. **Deriving Spanish nominalized infinitives from antipassive voice**. Oral presentation at *Null Objects from a Crosslinguistic and Developmental Perspective 2025*, Universitat de les Illes Balears, October 23 – 24.

2025. Huang, Zi. **Reference in relation to descriptive content: the case of ACC-*ing***. Oral presentation at *RED-2025: Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations*, University of Graz, May 29 – 30.

2024. Huang, Zi. **Gerunds as *ad hoc* kinds**. Oral presentation at *DGfS Annual Meeting 2024*, *AG9: The spectrum of kinds*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, February 28 – March 1.

2023. Huang, Zi. **POSS-*ing* as Kimian states**. Oral presentation at *The 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 53)*, University of Göttingen. January 12 – 14.

2022. Huang, Zi. **The discourse status of verbal gerunds**. Oral presentation at the *Workshop on Word Formation and Discourse Structure*, University of Leipzig. May 4 – 5.

2021. Huang, Zi. **Locating facts in time**. Poster presentation at The 9th International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-9), Fudan University. November 5 – 7.

2021. Huang, Zi. **Temporal modification of event kinds**. Oral presentation at *the Student Session of the 32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI 2021)*, Association for Logic, Language and Information. July 26 – August 13.

2021. Huang, Zi. **Imperfect nominals selected by temporal prepositions**. Oral presentation at *The 9th Workshop on Nominalizations (JENom 9)*, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and University of Silesia in Katowice. June 17 – 18.

2021. Huang, Zi. **Distinguishing between POSS-*ing* and ACC-*ing*: Evidence from *with(out)***. Oral presentation at *The 29th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE29)*, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics. January 26 – 28.

Other Conferences and Talks

2021. Huang, Zi. **The discourse status of verbal gerunds**. Oral presentation at the *Experimental Syntax and Heritage Languages (RUESHeL) lab meeting*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. December 6.

2021. Huang, Zi. **Imperfect nominals selected by temporal prepositions**. Oral presentation at *Kolloquium für Syntax und Semantik*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. October 26.

2021. Huang, Zi. **POSS-*ing* and ACC-*ing* as complements of *with(out)***. Oral presentation at the *Formal Linguistics Research Group (GLiF) seminars*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. January 14.

2019. Huang, Zi. **Hybrid infinitives in Spanish and the aspectual restriction**. Oral presentation at *The URLING Research Unit in Linguistics Workshop*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. June 12.

2019. Huang Zi. **The aspectual restriction and unpredicted nominal infinitives**. Oral presentation at *The Meaning and Grammar Network Meeting (SiGGRAM)*, Universidad de Alcalá. June 6 – 7.

2018. Huang, Zi. **Identifying middle constructions in Chinese**. Oral presentation at *The Retreat for Students in Semantics and Pragmatics (ReSSP)*, La Garrotxa. October 4 – 7.

Experience

Participation in Funded Projects

Member 2023 – 24
Consolidated Research Group "Grup de Lingüística Formal" (2021 SGR 00947, funded by the Catalan government), 60,000.00€
PI: Louise McNally

Member 2018 – 22
Consolidated Research Group "Grup de Lingüística Formal" (2017 SGR 01478, funded by the Catalan government), 58,424.65€
PI: Josep Quer

Member 2018 – 20
Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation grant FFI2016-76045-P, "Connecting conceptual and referential models of meaning 2", 55,000€

PI: Louise McNally

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Fellowships

PhD Fellowship 2019 – 22
Ajuts per a la contractació de personal investigador predoctoral en formació (2019FI_B_00397). May – Sept.
Awarded by: Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca, Generalitat de Catalunya.

Awards

Best short paper 2021
Student Session of the 32nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI)

Service in the field

Journal Reviews

Journal of Cognitive Science (1) 2024
Canadian Journal of Linguistics/Revue canadienne de linguistique (1) 2023

Conference Reviews

World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 12) 2026
19th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 19)
Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics 6 (OASIS 6)

Conference Organization

Co-organizer 2026
Workshop on Syntax and Semantics of Implicit Arguments (ImpArg) Sept. 28 – 29
University of Graz, Austria.

Co-organizer 2025
11th Workshop on Nominalizations (JENom 11) Jul. 3 – 4
University of Graz, Austria.

Language & Logic track co-chair of the Student Session 2022
33nd European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) Aug. 8 – 19
National University of Ireland, Galway.

Member of the organizing and program committee 2020
The 28th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 28) Jan. 29 – 31
Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Science Outreach

Helper, co-organizer (2023) 2019 – 23
ESCOLAB Activity "Discover an unknown language" for local high school
Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Co-founder, writer, editor 2017 – 19
Wechat official account "Coloquio de Linguistica del Español"

Other Service

Co-organizer 2019 – 20
Formal Linguistics Research Group Seminars (GLiF)
Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Teaching Experience

Universität Graz: Instructor

Structure course (Chinese) (518.008) — 2026 – 27
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in English — Winter

Introduction to academic writing (518.162) — 2026 – 27
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in German — Winter

Introduction to academic writing (518.162) — 2025 – 26
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in German — Summer

Introduction to Morphology (518.027/518.037) — 2025 – 26
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in English — Winter, Summer

Semantics/Pragmatics (Genericity) (518.036) — 2025 – 26
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in English — Winter

Introduction to Syntax (518.805) — 2024 – 25
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in English — Summer

Grammar Theory/Typology (Grammatical Voices) (518.008) — 2024 – 25
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in English — Winter

Introduction to Morphology (518.040) — 2024 – 25
for undergraduate in Linguistics, taught in English — Winter, Summer

Universitat Pompeu Fabra: Teaching Assistant

Meaning in Languages (25464) — 2021 – 22
for undergraduate in Applied Languages, taught in Catalan — Spring

ICT Resources (25284) — 2020 – 21
for undergraduate in Translation and Interpreting, taught in Spanish — Fall

Linguistics (20219) — 2019 – 20
for undergraduate in Translation and Interpreting, taught in English — Spring

ICT Resources (25284) — 2019 – 20
for undergraduate in Translation and Interpreting, taught in Spanish — Fall

Shanghai International Studies University: Teacher

Spanish Listening and Conversation — 2017 – 18
at College for International Cooperative Programs — Spring

Introductory Spanish — 2015 – 16
for undergraduate in English Philology — Fall, Spring

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese (native)
Wu Chinese (native)
English (Cambridge CPE C2, 2023)
Spanish (DELE C1, 2016)
Catalan (CIFALC C1 & DGPL C1, 2021)
German (Goethe-Zertifikat B1, 2024)

SKILLS

Programming languages: Competent in Python, basic knowledge in JavaScript and Linux bash

Database management: Basic knowledge in SQL
Phonetic, prosody and gesture annotation: Work experience with Praat, basic knowledge about ELAN
Web development: Experience with html and css
Writing and presentation: Competent in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) and LaTeX
Experimental design and conducting: Familiar with Qualtrics and Gorilla (designing experiments) and Prolific (recruiting participants). I am also an experienced participant on Prolific.
Computer-assisted translation: Familiar with OmegaT