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CONTACT DETAILS

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CURRENT POSITION

Professor, Chair of English linguistics, Department of English and American Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociolinguistics, world Englishes, multilingualism, language planning and policy, linguistic landscapes, Asian Englishes

EDUCATION

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| 2018 | <i>Habilitation</i> in English Philology, University of Freiburg, Germany
– Supervisor: Prof. Christian MAIR
– Thesis title: ‘Language planning and policy in Quebec: A comparative perspective’
– Examiners: Prof. Christian MAIR, Prof. Bernd KORTMANN, Prof. Stefan PFÄNDER |
| 2009 | <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> in English Language, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
– Supervisor: Prof. Suzanne ROMAINE
– Thesis title: ‘Modelling variation in Singapore English’
– Examiners: Dr Anthea Fraser GUPTA & Dr David CRAM |
| 2005 | <i>Licence ès Lettres</i> in English and Geography, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
– Mémoire supervisor: Prof. Peter TRUDGILL |
| 1999 | <i>Baccalauréat</i> , Collège St-Michel, Fribourg, Switzerland
– Specialisation: Type ‘E’ (Economics & social sciences) |

APPOINTMENTS HELD

2020–2022	<i>Substitute Professor</i> , English Department, University of Freiburg, Germany
2018–2022	<i>Lehrbeauftragter</i> ($\approx$ <i>Lecturer</i>), English Department, University of Basle, Switzerland
2010–2018	<i>Akademischer Rat auf Zeit</i> ($\approx$ <i>Lecturer, non-tenured</i> / <i>Assistant Professor</i>), Chair Prof. Christian MAIR, English Department, University of Freiburg, Germany
2016	<i>Lehrbeauftragter</i> ($\approx$ <i>Lecturer</i>), English Department, University of Basle, Switzerland
2013–2015	<i>Marie Curie Fellow</i> , European Union FP7 IOF, Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (outgoing phase, 2013–2014) <i>and</i> English Department, University of Freiburg, Germany (return phase, 2014–2015)
2010	<i>Chargé de cours</i> ($\approx$ <i>Lecturer</i>), Department of English, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
2009–2010	<i>Akademischer Mitarbeiter</i> ($\approx$ <i>Post-doc</i>), English Department, University of Freiburg
2008–2009	<i>Lecturer in Sociolinguistics</i> , School of Linguistics & English Language, Bangor University, Wales, United Kingdom
2006–2008	<i>Tutor</i> , various colleges, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
2007	<i>Visiting Lecturer</i> , University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom

GRANTS & AWARDS

2019–2022	DFG (German Research Foundation) research grant LE 3136/3-1 for project ‘Students’ language repertoires and language attitudes in the United Arab Emirates’. € 42,930.40. [co-PI with Peter SIEMUND]
2019–2021	DFG (German Research Foundation) research grant LE 3136/4-1 for project ‘English in Taiwan – Forms and functions’. € 7,880. [co-PI with Sofia RÜDIGER]
2015–2016	DFG (German Research Foundation) research grant LE 3136/2-1 for project ‘How multilingual are Singaporeans really? Language repertoires in Singapore’s vocational training schools’. € 15,000. [co-PI with Peter SIEMUND]
2013–2015	International Outgoing Fellowship, European Union FP7 Marie Curie Actions (FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IOF) project ‘LPAQ’ no. 327100. € 156,249.30.
2012	DFG (German Research Foundation) travel grant LE 3136/1-1 for fieldwork in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. € 3,350.
2011	Nachwuchsgruppenwettbewerb (junior research group), School of Language & Literature, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS). € 9,000 for the organisation of a conference entitled ‘Indexing authenticity’. [with Véronique LACOSTE and Thiemo BREYER]
2007–2008	Browning Senior Scholarship, Pembroke College, Oxford. £ 1,500 and Senior Common Room membership.
2006	Maxwell & Meyerstein Awards, Faculty of English, Oxford. £ 400 for travel expenses.

RESEARCH STAYS

2019	College of Arts and Sciences, American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (March–April, funded by DFG research grant)
2015	Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (August, funded by DFG research grant)
2013–2014	Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (funded by EU FP7 Marie Curie Actions project ‘LPAQ’ no. 327100)
2012	Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (September, funded by DFG travel grant)
2011	Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore <i>and</i> Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (August–October)

FURTHER TRAINING

2013–2014	Six SKILLSETS workshops, McGill University (‘Supervisory alliance’, ‘Multidisciplinary research projects’, ‘University teaching in a time of globalisation’, ‘Using narrative in scholarly writing’, ‘Facilitation skills for graduate students’, ‘The art of negotiation’)
2010–2012	Baden-Württemberg-Zertifikat für Hochschuldidaktik, University of Freiburg
2008	Developing Learning & Teaching, Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Oxford
2008	IPA Certificate of Proficiency in the Phonetics of English, University College London
2008	Advanced Core Training in Linguistics, University College London
2002–2003	Academic year abroad, University of Essex

AFFILIATIONS

SINCE 2019	International Association for World Englishes (IAWE)
SINCE 2011	Hermann Paul School of Language Sciences (HPSL)
SINCE 2009	Swiss Association of University Teachers of English (SAUTE)
SINCE 2009	UK Higher Education Academy (HEA, Associate Fellow)
SINCE 2008	International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE, Treasurer 2014–2021)
SINCE 2006	Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)

SERVICE

Editorial work

- Co-Editor, *Regensburg Studies in British and American Languages and Cultures* (Peter Lang)

Peer review

- Submissions to the journals *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism* (March 2009, December 2013, July 2018), *World Englishes* (August 2012 [twice], August 2013, December 2013, August 2016, January 2018, July 2018, October 2018, September 2019, August 2020), *Journal of Linguistics* (September 2012), *Sojourn* (September 2013), *International Journal of Language and Culture* (March 2015), *Language Policy* (July 2015), *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* (April 2016), *Open Linguistics* (May 2016, March 2019), *Journal of Asia TEFL* (December 2016), *Journal of English Linguistics* (September 2017), *Journal of Pragmatics* (March 2018), *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology* (May 2018), *Journal of Language Contact* (November 2018), *Social Semiotics* (July

2019), *English World-Wide* (January 2020, March 2022), *Linguistic Vanguard* (June 2020, February 2022), *Language and Communication* (September 2020), *Linguistic Landscape* (March 2021, November 2022), *TESOL Quarterly* (August 2021), *Languages* (November 2021, April 2022, June 2022), *Language and Speech* (February 2022), *International Journal of Applied Linguistics* (February 2025);

- Chapter submissions for volumes by *Routledge* (August 2016, November 2017), *Springer* (August 2018), *Bloomsbury* (September 2020), *Multilingual Matters* (July 2019), and *Georgetown University Press* (October 2022);
- Book proposal reviewer for *Palgrave Macmillan* (September 2014), *Routledge* (November 2017), and *Cambridge University Press* (January 2019, March 2022).

Administrative responsibilities

2022–2023	<i>Departmental Chair</i> , Department of English and American Studies, University of Regensburg
2014–2021	<i>Treasurer</i> , International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE)
2016–2017	<i>Member</i> , Honorary professorship committee, Faculty of Arts, University of Freiburg
2010–2017	<i>Course Coordinator</i> , Master of English Language and Linguistics, University of Freiburg
2010–2013	<i>Examiner</i> for the Intermediate Exams, English Department, University of Freiburg
2008–2009	<i>Deputy Senior Tutor</i> , School of Linguistics, Bangor University
2008–2009	<i>Health & Safety Coordinator</i> , School of Linguistics, Bangor University
2008–2009	<i>Personal Tutor</i> , School of Linguistics, Bangor University

Conference organisation

2022	<i>Co-organiser</i> , Workshop ‘World Englishes and social media’ at <i>9th Biennial Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English</i> . University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 15 September 2022. [with Sofia RÜDIGER & Sven LEUKERT]
2021	<i>Co-organiser</i> , Workshop ‘Lesser-known and expanding circle varieties of English on social media’ at <i>6th Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English</i> . University of Joensuu, Finland, 2 June 2021. [with Sofia RÜDIGER & Sven LEUKERT]
2017	<i>Co-organiser</i> , Workshop ‘Synchronic transfers in Colloquial Singapore English: Case studies based on text message data’ at <i>16th International Conference on Methods in Dialectology</i> . NINJAL, Tōkyō, Japan, 7–11 August 2017. [with Leslie LEE & Mie HIRAMOTO]
2012–2013	<i>Member</i> , Organising Committee, ISLE (Post-)Doctoral Spring School ‘Englishes in a multilingual world: New dynamics of variation, contact and change’, Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS), 15–19 April 2013.
2011	<i>Co-organiser</i> , ‘Indexing authenticity: Perspectives from linguistics and anthropology’, Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS), 25–27 November 2011.
2006–2008	<i>Member & Webmaster</i> , Executive Committee, ‘LingO 2007: 2 nd Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics’, 21–22 September 2007.

IMPACT & OUTREACH

JUN 2018	Interviewed for the article ‘The government campaign to get rid of Singapore’s unofficial language’, <i>Atlas Obscura</i> , 26 June 2018 (https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/singlish-singapore-government-campaign).
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APR 2018	Public lecture 'Die Schweiz und Singapur: Inseln der Mehrsprachigkeit' given at the 2017–2018 talks series of the Lions Club Freiburg, Germany.
APR 2017	Workshop 'English in multilingual settings' given to secondary school pupils as part of the <i>Schweizer Jugend forscht</i> 'Study days' 2017, Berne, Switzerland.
FEB 2017	Interviewed for the article 'Don't play, play – Singlish is studied around the globe', <i>The Straits Times</i> , Singapore, 5 February 2017 (http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/dont-play-play-singlish-is-studied-around-the-globe).
SEP 2016	Interviewed for the documentary 'Seeing and hearing Singapore', produced by the Division of linguistics and multilingual studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
JAN 2016	Article 'Bonjour/hi' on research into the sociolinguistics of Quebec. Published in the University of Freiburg's online <i>Surprising Science</i> magazine (http://www.pr.uni-freiburg.de/pm/surprisingscience/socialmedia-sprache).
FEB 2014	Marie Curie 'Ambassador' programme: project presentation, aspects of sociolinguistics and societal multilingualism, and classroom activities with a final-year class of the Alexander von Humboldt German School in Baie-d'Urfé, Quebec, Canada.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

SWISS GERMAN	C2, native, Basle variety
FRENCH	C2, medium of education (up to <i>baccalauréat</i>)
STANDARD GERMAN	C2
ENGLISH	C2, Cambridge ESOL CPE (June 2003, result: A)
MANDARIN	B2, HSK Level 4 (June 2012, result: 86%)
ITALIAN	B1
WELSH	A1, WJEC Entry Level Certificate (June 2009, result: 98%)

Also introductory-level (A1.1) classes in JAPANESE (2010, 2016–17), TURKISH (2012–13), SPANISH (2014), and 3 terms of compulsory LATIN (2000–01). Rudimentary notions of CANTONESE.

TEACHING

University of Regensburg

WS 2023–24	<i>Sociolinguistics in Southeast Asia</i> , seminar
WS 2023–24	<i>English in contact</i> , lecture
WS 2023–24	<i>Research methods</i> , seminar
WS 2023–24	<i>Synchrone Linguistik im vertieften Staatsexamen</i> , tutorial
WS 2023–24	<i>Introduction to phonetics and phonology</i> , lecture [also taught ws 2022–23, ss 2023]
SS 2023	<i>World Englishes</i> , lecture
WS 2022–23	<i>Linguistic landscapes</i> , seminar
WS 2022–23	<i>Language planning and policy</i> , lecture
WS 2022–23	<i>Text analysis</i> , seminar
WS 2022–23	<i>Phonemic transcription</i> , seminar [also taught in ss 2022 and ss 2023]
SS 2022	<i>Asian Englishes</i> , seminar
SS 2022	<i>English dialects in Britain and Ireland</i> , lecture
SS 2022	<i>Recent research in English linguistics</i> , colloquium [also taught in ss 2023]
SS 2022	<i>Readings in linguistics</i> , seminar [also taught in ss 2023]

Supervision: 4 MA theses, 2 BA theses, 1 Zulassungsarbeit

University of Basle

SS 2022	<i>English in contact: Pidgins and creoles</i> , BA/MA seminar
SS 2022	<i>History of the English language</i> , Lecture [also taught in SS 2019 and SS 2020]
AS 2021	<i>English dialects in Britain and Ireland</i> , Lecture
AS 2021	<i>Visible English in the Linguistic Landscape</i> , BA/MA seminar [also taught in SS 2019]
AS 2021	<i>Introduction to English linguistics I: Structure and use</i> , BA proseminar [also taught in AS 2019 and AS 2020]
SS 2021	<i>Introduction to English linguistics II: English in its social contexts</i> , BA proseminar [also taught in SS 2018, SS 2019, and SS 2020]
SS 2021	<i>English language planning and policy</i> , Lecture
SS 2021	<i>The sociolinguistics of English in South-East Asia</i> , BA/MA seminar
AS 2020	<i>English dialects in Britain and Ireland</i> , BA/MA seminar
AS 2020	<i>Language planning and policy in English-speaking contexts</i> , BA/MA seminar [also taught in SS 2018]
SS 2020	<i>English in the Asian expanding circle: Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and beyond</i> , BA/MA seminar
AS 2019	<i>English phonetics and phonology</i> , BA seminar
AS 2019	<i>Field methods in English sociolinguistics</i> , BA/MA seminar
AS 2018	<i>Introduction to English linguistics III: Language and the mind</i> , BA proseminar
SS 2018	<i>English in contact: Pidgins and creoles</i> , MA research seminar
SS 2018	<i>Varieties of English</i> , MA research seminar
AS 2016	<i>Global Englishes from a structural and sociolinguistic perspective</i> , MA research seminar
SS 2016	<i>Asian Englishes</i> , BA/MA seminar [also taught in AS 2018]

Supervision: 61 proseminar papers (ca. 4,000 words), 20 seminar papers (ca. 6,500 words), 3 MA theses

Examinations: 12 written BA exams, 6 oral MA exams

University of Freiburg

WS 2021–22	<i>World Englishes</i> , Lecture
WS 2021–22	<i>Linguistic landscapes</i> , Postgraduate seminar
SS 2021	<i>Language variation and change</i> , Lecture
SS 2021	<i>The sociolinguistics of English in Southeast Asia</i> , Postgraduate seminar
WS 2020–21	<i>Language planning and policy</i> , Lecture
WS 2020–21	<i>English dialects in Britain and Ireland</i> , Postgraduate seminar
SS 2018	<i>World Englishes</i> , Postgraduate seminar
WS 2017–18	<i>Language planning and policy</i> , Postgraduate seminar
WS 2017–18	<i>Theoretische Grundlagen linguistischer Forschung</i> , Postgraduate seminar [also taught in WS 2016–17, WS 2015–16, WS 2014–15, SS 2013, WS 2012–13]
SS 2017	<i>English in Southeast Asia</i> , Postgraduate seminar
SS 2017	<i>Introduction to phonetics and phonology</i> , Undergraduate seminar
WS 2016–17	<i>Asian Englishes</i> , Postgraduate seminar
SS 2013	<i>English phonetics & phonology</i> , Undergraduate seminar
WS 2012–13	<i>English in multilingual settings</i> , Postgraduate seminar
SS 2012	<i>English in contact</i> , Undergraduate seminar
SS 2012	<i>Language planning and policy</i> , Undergraduate seminar
WS 2011–12	<i>English in South East Asia</i> , Postgraduate seminar
WS 2011–12	<i>English phonetics & phonology</i> , Undergraduate seminar

SS 2011	<i>Asian Englishes</i> , Undergraduate seminar
AY 2010–11	<i>Sociolinguistics</i> , Undergraduate seminar
WS 2010–11	<i>English in contact</i> , Undergraduate seminar
SS 2010	<i>Language planning and policy</i> , Undergraduate seminar
SS 2010	<i>Varieties of English</i> , Undergraduate seminar
WS 2009–10	<i>South, East and Southeast Asian varieties of English</i> , Undergraduate seminar
WS 2009–10	<i>Field methods in sociolinguistics</i> , Undergraduate seminar

Supervision: 9 MA theses

Examinations: 6 oral MA exams

University of Lausanne

SS 2010	<i>Linguistic variation</i> , BA/MA seminar
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Bangor University

S2 2009	<i>Variation in English</i> , 2 nd year module, QXL2215
S2 2009	<i>Sociolinguistics</i> , 2 nd year module, QXL2234
S2 2009	<i>Variation in English</i> , postgraduate tutorials, QXL4415
S2 2009	<i>Sociolinguistics</i> , postgraduate tutorials, QXL4434
AY 2008–09	Supervision of 6 final-year undergraduate dissertations
S1 2008	<i>English in society</i> , 1 st year module, QXL1104
S1 2008	<i>Language and the world</i> , 1 st year module, QXL1106

University of Oxford

2006–2008	<i>Introduction to the study of language & linguistics</i> , 1 st year, ELL Moderations Paper 4(f)
2008	<i>Linguistic Theory</i> , M.St General Linguistics, Paper A
2007–2008	<i>General Linguistics</i> , 1 st year, Preliminary Examinations Paper VIII
2007–2008	<i>Sociolinguistics</i> , 4 th year, Modern Languages Paper 12
2007–2008	<i>Linguistic Theory</i> , 4 th year, Modern Languages Paper B4

University of Westminster

2007	<i>Sociolinguistics</i> , 1 st year module, 1LIN403
2007	<i>Sociolinguistics</i> , postgraduate module, 1LIN7B1