

Adverbial clauses and subordinate dependency relationships

kickoff meeting

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Antomo, Mailin (2016): Marking (not)-at-issue content by using word-order variation in German. In: Reich, Ingo/Speyer, Augustin (Hrsg.): Co- and subordination in German and other languages. Linguistische Berichte Sonderheft 21, 21-54.
- Antomo, Mailin/Steinbach, Markus Steinbach (2013): Zur Semantik von Konzessivsätzen mit *obwohl*. In: Linguistische Berichte 236, 427-453.
- Antomo, Mailin (2012): Projective Meaning and the Licensing of Embedded Root Phenomena. In: Boone, Enrico/Linke, Kathrin/Schulpen, Maartje (Hrsg.): Proceedings of ConSOLE XIX, Leiden, 1-23.
- Antomo, Mailin (2012): Interpreting Embedded Verb Second. In: Constantinescu, Camelia/Le Bruyn, Bert/Linke, Kathrin (Hrsg.): Proceedings of ConSOLE XVII, 27-51.
- Antomo, Mailin/Steinbach, Markus Steinbach (2010): Desintegration und Interpretation. *Weil*-V2-Sätze an der Schnittstelle zwischen Syntax, Semantik und Pragmatik. In: Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft 29.1, 1-37.
- Antomo, Mailin (2010): „...weil das sagt man nicht!? *Weil*-V2-Sätze im schulischen Grammatikunterricht.“ In: Dose, Stefanie/Götz, Sandra/Brato, Thorsten/Brand, Christiane (Hrsg.): Norms in Educational Linguistics – Linguistic, Didactic and Cultural Perspectives. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 85-98.

Personal research questions related to the project

German causal clauses (introduced by *weil*) in language acquisition (together with Michèle Paul and Sonja Taigel (Wuppertal))

- Do children produce *weil*-clauses with verb-final and V2 order?
- Does their usage of these variants reflect functional differences (in terms of assertive force, (not-)at-issueness, interpretation of the causal relation (as propositional, epistemic, or speech act modifier))?

> Investigation of a spoken corpus (children between 6 and 8 years)

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Blümel, A. (2019) Adnominal Conditionals in German, *Linguistics Vanguard* 5(3), 1–9.
- Blümel, A. & H. Pitsch (2019) Adverbial clauses: internally rich, externally null, *Glossa: a Journal of General Linguistics* 4(1), 19, 1–29.

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Working languages: mostly German, some English

Linguistic expertise: German grammar, lexical and compositional semantics, semantics-pragmatics interface

Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Bücking, Sebastian. 2021. The Grammar of PP-like Free Relatives: Evidence from Subordinate *wo*-Clauses in German. Accepted for Linguistic Inquiry. (early access)
- Bücking, Sebastian 2018. Zur Komposition von *insofern als* im Deutschen. In: Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft 37:1–53.
- Bücking, Sebastian 2017. Composing *wie wenn* – The Semantics of Hypothetical Comparison Clauses in German. In: Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 35:979–1025.
- Bücking, Sebastian 2015. Zur Syntax hypothetischer Vergleichssätze im Deutschen. In: Zeitschrift für germanistische Linguistik 43:261–305.

Personal research questions related to the project

- Does the internal and external combinatorics of adverbial clauses follow **compositional rules**? More specifically, which role do **lexical idiosyncracies** play? To what extent can we manage with **surface-oriented syntax**?
- How do **subordination and coordination** relate to each other, in particular in those cases where semantics and syntax seem to diverge?

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Languages of study: mainly French and English (but also Mandarin, Icelandic, Korean, Norwegian, Catalan in some of my work)

Linguistic expertise: syntax/semantics/pragmatics

Besides adverbial clauses, I have mainly worked on reflexives, logophoricity, focus, indexicals, comparatives/superlatives (and dance/music cognition).

Key publications on adverbial clauses

2020: French Causal *puisque*-Clauses in the Light of (Not)-at-Issueness. In I. Vogel (ed.), *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 16: Selected papers from the 47th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL)*, Newark, Delaware. John Benjamins Publishing Company.

2020: Linguistic Perspectives *in* Causation. In N. Boney & E. Bar-Asher Siegal (eds.), *Perspectives on Causation*, 417-441. Springer.

2020: The Syntax of Concessive Clauses: Evidence from Exempt Anaphora (with Gunnar Lund). *Proceedings of the 43rd annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC43)*, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics (PWPL)*, volume 26.1, article 19.

2019: Perspectives in Causal Clauses. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 37(2), 389-424.

2019: Point of View on Causal Clauses: the case of French *parce que* and *puisque*. In I. Feldhausen, M. Elsig, I. Kuchenbrandt and M. Neuhaus (eds.), *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 15 - Selected papers from 'Going Romance' 30, Frankfurt*, 93-112. John Benjamins Publishing Company.

2017: Perspective on Causal Clauses. *Proceedings of the 47th annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS47)*, Volume 1, 147-156.

2017: Non-at-Issueness of *since*-clauses. *Proceedings of the 27th Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT27)*, 43-58.

Personal research questions related to the project

PERSPECTIVE IN ADJUNCT CLAUSES

What is the behavior of perspectival elements (e.g. logophoric pronouns and anaphors, epithets, evaluative adjectives, epistemic modals) in adjunct clauses?

What does it show about the meaning of adjunct subordinators (e.g. *because*, *even though*): how is perspective encoded in the semantic relation expressed by adjunct clauses (e.g. cause, concession)?

SYNTAX/SEMANTICS OF ADJUNCT CLAUSES

What is the syntactic level of attachment of adjunct clauses (e.g. *because* vs. *since*) and how does it correlate with their meaning (e.g. cause of event/state vs. evidence for proposition or reason for speech act)?

What is the discourse status of adjunct clauses? What does it show about the interaction between structure and (non)-at-issueness?

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

What are some arguments for the existence of superlative clauses (akin to comparative clauses)?

To what extent do *same* and *different* involve comparative clauses (of individuals)?

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Other crucial points:	-

Key publications on adverbial clauses

Coniglio, M. (in press), On the adverbial origin of German modal particles. In X. Artiagoitia, A. Elordieta & S. Monforte (eds.), *Discourse particles: syntactic, semantic, pragmatic and historical aspects*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Coniglio, M., C. De Bastiani, R. Hinterhölzl & T. Weskott (2021), In the right mood, in the right place: on mood and verb placement in Old Germanic subordinate clauses. *Journal of Historical Syntax* 5, 1-27.

Coniglio, M. (2019), Relative clause marking in historical German. *Linguistische Berichte* 258, 139-177.

Coniglio, M., K. Paul (2019), Unknown relatives from the North? On the origin and development of *w*-relative pronouns in German. In F. Costantini (ed.), *Syntactic Variation: the View from the German-Language Islands in Northeastern Italy*. Udine: Forum Editrice Universitaria Udinese, 23-43.

Coniglio, M., R. Hinterhölzl & S. Petrova (2018), Mood alternations in Old High German subordinate clauses. *Annali di Ca' Foscari. Serie occidentale* 52, 7-37. DOI doi: <http://doi.org/10.30687/AnnOc/2499-1562/2018/01/001>

Coniglio, M. (2017), Verbal Mood in Early Old High German Relative Clauses. *Annali di Ca' Foscari. Serie occidentale* 51, 245-269. DOI doi: <http://doi.org/10.14277/2499-1562/AnnOc-51-17-13>

Coniglio, M. (2014), The fine structure of Force. On the interaction of modal particles with illocutionary force and clause type. In: A. Cardinaletti, G. Cinque & Y. Endo (eds.), *On Peripheries. Exploring Clause Initial and Clause Final Positions [Hituzi Linguistics in English 23]*. Tokyo: Hituzi Syobo, 103-140.

Coniglio, M. (2009), Deutsche Modalpartikeln in Haupt- und Nebensätzen. In: W. Abraham & E. Leiss (eds.), *Modalität. Epistemik und Evidentialität bei Modalverb, Adverb, Modalpartikel und Modus [Studien zur deutschen Grammatik 77]*. Tübingen: Stauffenburg, 191-221.

Personal research questions related to the project

- Development and functions of adverbial connectors/clauses in different historical stages of German (and Germanic languages)
- Development of adverbial/comparative *sô (h)uuer sô*-construction to *w*-relative clauses (in German, but also in English)
- Appositive/parenthetical adverbial clauses in historical German
- Verb position and mood in adverbial clauses (and – more generally – in subordinate clauses) in Westgermanic languages from a diachronic perspective

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Other crucial points: Research project ‘Mind your Manner Adverbials!’
(MIMA) 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2025

Key publications on adverbial clauses

Corver, N. (2021). Decomposing adverbs and complementizers: A case study on Dutch 'hoe'. Ms.

Personal research questions related to the project

Research questions MIMA-project (Utrecht university)

- The *inner structure* of MA's: What is the structural composition of manner-adverbial constructions, that is, how are they organized internally on the basis of smaller components?
- The *outer behavior* of MA's: What kind of grammatical behavior (e.g. word order) do manner-adverbial constructions display in interaction with their linguistic environment? And how are they integrated into larger syntactic structures?
- *Cross-linguistic diversity*: To what extent are languages or varieties of a single language (dialects) similar/different as regards the formal manifestation of manner-adverbial expressions?

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Other crucial points: /

Key publications on adverbial clauses

1. Danckaert, Lieven. 2012. *Latin embedded clauses: The left periphery* (Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today 184). Amsterdam: Benjamins.
 - word order in embedded clauses, in particular adverbial clauses
 - syntax of clausal pied-piping

1. Danckaert, Lieven & Liliane Haegeman. 2012. Conditional clauses, Main Clause Phenomena and the syntax of polarity emphasis. In: Ackema, P., et al. (eds), *Comparative Germanic syntax: The state of the art*, Amsterdam: Benjamins, 133-167.
 - availability of Main Clause Phenomena in conditional clauses

1. Danckaert, Lieven. To appear. Changing patterns of clausal complementation in Latin: a parametric approach to 'constructional' changes. To appear in: Egedi, B. & V. Hegedűs (eds), *Functional heads across time: Syntactic reanalysis and change*, Oxford: OUP.
 - development of finite complement clauses in Latin/Romance: see next slide.

Personal research questions related to the project

- Main question: How did Romance complement clauses with a KE-complementizer develop out of (Late) Latin adverbial clauses introduced by elements such as *quia* ‘because’ and *quoniam* ‘because, since’?
 - Why causal connectives as the source of a multi-purpose complementizer?
 - Is the difference between *quia* ‘because’ (central adverbial clause) and *quoniam* ‘because, since’ (peripheral adverbial clause) relevant in this respect?
- Methodology: collect new corpus data from Late Latin. Specific issues:
 - Is there any evidence that one conjunction ‘took the lead’ in this particular change?
 - Do finite declarative clauses in Late Latin initially favour certain types of selecting predicates (as claimed in Cuzzolin 1994)?
 - What is the role of *quod*-clauses, which from a very early stage onwards were ambiguous between an adverbial (causal) and complement clause construal?

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

I have worked on the (historical) syntax of clausal subordination and prepositions in Spanish (analysed as <P-CP> and <K-CP>) and other related languages, so my work relates to adverbial clauses indirectly.

Delicado Cantero, M. 2013. *Prepositional Clauses in Spanish: A Diachronic and Comparative Syntactic Study*. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

Amaral, P. & Delicado Cantero, M. 2018. “Subcategorization and change: A diachronic analysis of *sin embargo (de que)*”. In Jonathan E MacDonald (ed.), *Contemporary Trends in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*, 31-47. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Amaral, P. & Delicado Cantero, M. 2022. *Noun-Based Constructions in the History of Portuguese and Spanish*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Personal research questions related to the project

- The evolution of clausal subordination in general.
- The categorial nature of complementisers (e.g., C or relatives).
- The categorial nature of “adverbial” clauses themselves (the role of Ps and Ks).
- I am also interested in the historical evolution of *how*-clauses, especially their potentially declarative uses vis-à-vis their canonical modal uses (e.g., Umbach et al. 2021). I’ve recently done some work on the syntax of medieval Spanish *de commo* (lit. ‘of how’] and *en commo* (lit. ‘in how’) clauses.

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Other crucial points:

Personal research questions related to the project

Historical development of different types of adverbial clauses

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Linguistic expertise: Experimental syntax

Key publications on adverbial clauses

Eberhardt, I. & S. Featherston (2019) Focus particles and negative scope: Both evidence for syntactic integration? *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 4 (1), 126. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.613>

von Wietersheim, S. & S. Featherston (2019) Does structural binding correlate with degrees of functional dependence? In K. Beijering, G. Kaltenböck, & M. S. Sansiñena (eds.), *Insubordination: Theoretical and Empirical Issues*. *TiLSM* 326, 265-290. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110638288-009>

von Wietersheim, S. & S. Featherston (2016) Violation of Principle C as evidence for structural integration. In F. Pratas, S. Pereira, & C. Pinto (eds.), *Coordination and Subordination: Form and Meaning – Selected Papers from CSI Lisbon 2014*, 269-293. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Personal research questions related to the project

Key question for me: What combination of syntactic, semantic, and processing factors produce the observed gradience in clausal dependencies?

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

- von Wietersheim, S. (accepted). The Syntactic Integration of Adverbial Clauses: Experimental Evidence from Anaphoric Relations. Tübingen: Stauffenburg Verlag.
- von Wietersheim, S. (2016). Variable binding as evidence for clausal attachment. In: I. Reich & A. Speyer (eds.), *Co- and subordination in German and other languages*. Hamburg: Buske Verlag, 319-345.
- von Wietersheim, S. & S. Featherston (2019). Does structural binding correlate with degrees of functional dependence? In: K. Beijering, G. Kaltenböck, & M. S. Sansiñena (eds.), *Insubordination: Theoretical and Empirical Issues*. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton, 265-290.
- von Wietersheim, S. & S. Featherston (2016). Violation of Principle C as Evidence for Structural Integration. In: F. Pratas, S. Pereira, & C. Pinto (eds.), *Coordination and Subordination: Form and Meaning – Selected papers from CSI Lisbon 2014*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 269-293.

Personal research questions related to the project

- collecting more experimental data on anaphoric relations across clausal boundaries
 - subject vs. object QP in matrix clause, variable in adverbial clause
 - coordination (und) vs. central and peripheral adverbial clauses
 - perhaps *weil* vs. *da*

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Linguistic expertise: semantics, (historical) syntax

Key publications on adverbial clauses

Fleczorek, Constanze (2016): *Kausale Beziehungen im mittelhochdeutschen und frühneuhochdeutschen WILHELM VON ÖSTERREICH*. Master thesis.

Jędrzejowski, Łukasz & Constanze Fleczorek (to appear): *Micro- and Macro-variation of Causal Clauses. Synchronic and Diachronic Insights* [Studies in Language Companion Series]. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Jędrzejowski, Łukasz & Constanze Fleczorek (to appear): *Causal Clauses and Their Diachronic Suitability for Processes of Language Change*. Virtual special issue in *Linguistics Vanguard. A Multimodal Journal for the Language Sciences*.

Fleczorek, Constanze (in progress): *Epistemische Kausalsätze im historischen Deutsch*. PhD thesis.

Personal research questions related to the project

- How much semantics does the syntax need?
- Does subordination always mean being integrated?
- How narrow must syntactic dependency be, in order to still be considered as such?

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Linguistic expertise: Syntax of German, syntax-semantics interface

Other crucial points:

Key publications on adverbial clauses

To appear: *Types of German causal clauses and their syntactic-semantic layers*. In: Jędrzejowski, Łukasz & Constanze Fleczonek: *Types of German causal clauses and their syntactic-semantic layers. Micro- and Macro-variation of Causal Clauses. Synchronic and Diachronic Insights* [Studies in Language Companion Series]. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Personal research questions related to the project

- Why are certain adverbial relations expressed by central adverbial clauses, others by peripheral ones, others by clauses with own illocutionary force?
- What are the reasons behind the different order preferences of the different adverbial clauses?
- What are the different discourse effects depending on whether an adverbial relation is realised by means of a dependent or an independent clause?
- What is the relationship of a given adverbial clause type to properties such as givenness , topicality and (non-)at-issueness?

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Linguistic expertise: Udmurt, Meadow Mari (Bulgarian, Tatar, Chuvash)

Key publications on adverbial clauses

Dékány, Éva & Georgieva, Ekaterina. 2020. Three ways of unifying participles and nominalizations: the case of Udmurt. In: Artemis Alexiadou & Hagit Borer (eds.), *Nominalizations: 50 Years on from Chomsky's Remarks*, 169–202. Oxford: OUP.

Georgieva, Ekaterina. 2018. *Non-finite adverbial clauses in Udmurt*. University of Szeged dissertation.

Georgieva, Ekaterina. 2017. Person agreement on converbs in Udmurt. In: Ferenc Kiefer, James Blevins, & Huba Bartos (eds.), *Perspectives on Morphological Organization: Data and Analyses*, 86–122. Leiden: Brill.

Georgieva, Ekaterina. 2016. The case-marking of subjects in Udmurt, Komi-Zyryan and Meadow Mari nonfinite clauses. *Nyelvtudományi Közlemények* 112: 77–107.

Personal research questions related to the project

Participial clauses used as relative, argument and adverbial clauses in Uralic and Turkic languages

Temporal adverbial clauses

Converb constructions

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Linguistic expertise: Historical Linguistics, Language Variation and Change

Other crucial points: Theoretical background Construction Grammar

Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Gillmann, Melitta (2021): Analogy as Driving Force of Language Change. A Usage-Based Approach to *Wo* and *Da* Clauses in 17th and 18th Century German. In: Cognitive Linguistics 32/3, 421-453.
- Gillmann, Melitta (2020): *Da eine oder mehrere betroffen...* Eine Korpusuntersuchung zur Konstruktionalisierung und Indexikalisierung der (kausalen) *da*-Satz-Konstruktion in der standardisierenden Schriftsprache des 17. und 18. Jahrhunderts. In: Zeitschrift für Germanistische Linguistik 48/1, 47-100.
- Gillmann, Melitta (2018): Causal inference or conventionalized meaning? A corpus study of the German connector *nachdem* ‘after’ in regional standard varieties. In: Folia Linguistica 52/2, 483-522.

Personal research questions related to the project

- ❖ How do new functions of connectors **emerge** (e.g. causal *nachdem* 'after')?
 - A stage of high polysemy or semantic vagueness seems to be crucial, especially but not only in historical stages (e.g. Gillmann 2020, 2021).
 - Which **theoretical approaches** are most suitable to explain polysemy in connectors?
 - How can we tackle the polysemy of connectors in **empirical studies** (which methods)?
- ❖ What determines **variation** of (seemingly) synonymous connectors (Gillmann 2018)? How do connectors with overlapping functions influence one another (Gillmann 2021)?
- ❖ Are there **specific constructions** or fixed expressions that trigger certain functions of connectors?

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Linguistic expertise: recently, a range of phenomena in spoken Polish (non-canonical subordinate constructions (esp. *że*), strategies of direct quotation)

Key publications on adverbial clauses

None so far on adverbial clauses specifically, to be honest. But I'm working with Łukasz on... (see next slide)

Personal research questions related to the project

Polish *że*-clauses ('that') used as reason clauses (*że*='because'; see Slide 6 for a parallel in English) and *gdzie*-clauses ('where') used as concessive clauses (*gdzie*='although').

Luckily, movies and research questions sometimes go hand in hand 😊

An interesting use of *that*-clauses in 'Mystic River' by Clint Eastwood.

Context: three boys inscribe their names in the wet concrete of a pavement. They are caught red-handed and stopped by two strangers. One of the boys is taken away.

Later, two neighbours enquire about what has happened. They ask:
(see next slide)

Movies and research questions sometimes go hand in hand 😊



Polish *że* 'that' can be used like this too. What do you think: adverbial clause?

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Linguistic expertise: semantics, pragmatics, syntax-semantics interface

Current research topics (apart from adverbial clauses): Perspective-taking on the linguistic level and on the level of co-speech gestures, simplex and complex demonstratives

Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Ebert, Christian, Cornelia Ebert & Stefan Hinterwimmer (2014). A Unified Analysis of Conditionals as Topics. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 37(5), 353–408.
- Hinterwimmer, Stefan (2011). The Metalinguistic Use of Vague Predicates in Conditionals, in D. Lutz & N. Li (eds.), *Proceedings of SALT 20*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University.
- Hinterwimmer, Stefan (2010). *When*-Clauses, Factive Verbs and Correlates, in G. Fanselow & T. Hanneforth (eds.): *Language and Logos. Studies in Theoretical and Computational Linguistics*, Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 176-189.
- Hinterwimmer, Stefan (2008). *If* vs. *When*, *Wenn* vs. *Als*: Microvariation in the Semantics of Conditional and Temporal Complementizers in English and German, in E. Elfner, & M. Walkow (eds.): *Proceedings of NELS 37*, GLSA Publications, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Personal research questions related to the project

What are the conditions under which temporal and conditional adverbial clauses can be interpreted as arguments of matrix clause verbs?

What are the semantic and pragmatic differences between various conditional and temporal complementizers within and across languages and what is the division of labour between such complementizers in a given language?

What are the semantic and pragmatic effects of topicalizing different kinds of adverbial Clauses?

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Other crucial points:

Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Hoek, J.**, Sanders, T.J.M., & Spooren, W.P.M.S. (2021). Automatic coherence analysis of Dutch: Testing the subjectivity hypothesis on a larger scale. *Corpora* 16(1): 129-155.
- Hoek, J.**, Evers-Vermeul, J., & Sanders, T.J.M. (2019). Using the Cognitive approach to Coherence Relations for discourse annotation. *Dialogue & Discourse* 10(2): 1-33.
- Bourgonje, P., **Hoek, J.**, Evers-Vermeul, J., Redeker, G., Sanders, T.J.M., & Stede, M. (2018). Constructing a lexicon of Dutch discourse connectives. *CLIN Journal* 8: 163-175.
- Hoek, J.**, Zufferey, S., Evers-Vermeul, J., & Sanders, T.J.M. (2017). Cognitive complexity and the linguistic marking of coherence relations: A parallel corpus study. *Journal of Pragmatics* 121: 113-131.

Personal research questions related to the project

- What are the kinds of relations that can hold between adverbial clauses and their matrix clauses?
- How do adverbial clauses affect coreference patterns?
- How do the syntactic properties of a connective interact with its meaning (e.g., subordinating and content/objective meanings)?

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Jedrzejowski, Lukasz & Constanze Fleczonek (to appear): *Causal Clauses and Their Diachronic Suitability for Processes of Language Change*. Virtual special issue in *Linguistics Vanguard. A Multimodal Journal for the Language Sciences*.
- Jedrzejowski, Lukasz & Constanze Fleczonek (to appear): *Micro- and Macro-variation of Causal Clauses. Synchronic and Diachronic Insights*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Jedrzejowski, Lukasz (to appear): On the synchrony, variation and diachrony of adverbial exceptive clauses in Polish. *Glossa. A Journal of General Linguistics*.
- Jedrzejowski, Lukasz (2022): *Subordination clauses as modifiers. The case of um-zu-clauses in German*. Habilitation thesis, University of Cologne.
- Jedrzejowski, Lukasz / Werner Frey & Andreas Pankau (2018–2021): *The Internal and External Syntax of Adverbial Clauses*, special collection in *Glossa. A Journal of General Linguistics*.

Personal research questions related to the project

- [1] How do adverbial clauses emerge?
- [2] To what extent can adverbial clauses be used as other types of subordinate clauses (argument clauses, attributive clauses)?
- [3] What can adverbial clauses teach us about the syntax-semantics interface?

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Other crucial points: Information Structure

Key publications on adverbial clauses

Lahousse, K. 2022. Is focus a root phenomenon? In: D. Garassino, D. Jacob (Eds.), *When Data Challenges Theory. Non-prototypical, Unexpected and Paradoxical Evidence in the Field of Information Structure*. John Benjamins.

Lahousse, K., Laenzlinger, C., Soare, G. (2014). Contrast and intervention at the periphery. *Lingua: International Review of General Linguistics*, 143, 56-85.

Lahousse, K., Borremans, M. (2014). The distribution of functional types of clefts in adverbial clauses. *Linguistics*, 52 (3), 793-836.

Lahousse, K. (2010). Information structure and epistemic modality in adverbial clauses in French. *Studies in Language*, 34 (2), 298-326.

Personal research questions related to the project

- The distribution of epistemic modal markers in embedded clauses
- The distribution of information-structural devices in embedded clauses (non-canonical word order, e.g. clefting and VS word order)
- Interaction between syntax and semantics/pragmatics in embedded clauses
- Alternatives to adverbial clauses in informal spoken French

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Other crucial points: modal/discourse particles, manner adverbial constructions (similative and simulative constructions)

Personal research questions related to the project

- What is the internal syntax of clausal manner adverbials (MAs)?
- What is the internal syntax of those elements which introduce clausal MAs?
- What is the distributional behaviour of clausal MAs?
- To what extent do clausal MAs differ cross-linguistically and how can we account for such variation?

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Linguistic expertise: German syntax, A'-movement, relative clauses, grammatical relations, PCC effects, complementizer agreement, LBE, Sorbian

Other crucial points: sluicing, special questions, syntax of Slavic languages, phonology, grammar of lesser described languages

Key publications on adverbial clauses

- 1) *Comparative relative clauses in German*. to appear
- 2) *The Matching Analysis of relative clauses: an argument from antipronominal contexts*. 2018. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 21(2): 189-245
- 3) *The Matching Analysis of Relative Clauses: Evidence from Upper Sorbian*. 2017. *Proceedings of FASL 24 (The NYU Meeting)*: 260-280.

Personal research questions related to the project

- 1) *Are adverbial clauses relative clauses in disguise?*
- 2) *If so, is the distinction between different types of adverbial clauses (PAC, CAC, NonIC) mimicked by relative clauses?*
- 3) *If not, why do they look so similar to each other across unrelated languages (Tsez, Upper Sorbian)?*
- 4) *What can adverbial clauses reveal about the proper representation of subordination in general?*

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- TAME (tense, aspect, mood, evidentiality)
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Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Junghanns, Uwe & Hagen Pitsch. **2020**. *Czech infinitival conditionals*. In: Franc Marušič, Petra Mišmaš & Rok Žaucer (eds.), *Advances in Formal Slavic Linguistics 2017*. Berlin: Language Science Press, 123–150. [10.5281/zenodo.3764853](https://zenodo.org/record/3764853)
- Blümel, Andreas & Hagen Pitsch. **2019**. *Adverbial clauses: Internally rich, externally null*. *Glossa* 4(1): 19. [10.5334/gjgl.600](https://www.glossa-journal.org/article/view/10.5334/gjgl.600)
- Pitsch, Hagen. **2018**. *Bulgarian moods*. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 26: 55–100. [10.1353/jsl.2018.0003](https://doi.org/10.1353/jsl.2018.0003)
- Pitsch, Hagen. **2017**. *Prepositions as category-neutral roots*. In: Olav Mueller-Reichau & Marcel Guhl (eds.), *Aspects of Slavic Linguistics: Formal Grammar, Lexicon and Communication* (Language, Context and Cognition 16). Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 259–284. DOI: [10.1515/9783110517873](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110517873)

Personal research questions related to the project

- Where do ACs attach, and for what reason (semantics, selection, ...)?
- What syntactic configurations are involved in AC-modification?
- How does AC-modification translate into X-bar, Bare Phrase, Labeling Algorithm, etc. assumptions and structures, respectively?
- What determines the finiteness/non-finiteness of ACs? What follows?
- What is “subjunctive” about subjunctive ACs?

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Other crucial points:

Key publications on adverbial clauses

- Biskup, Petr & Radek Šimík. 2019. Structure of conditional and (cor)relative clauses: New evidence from locality. In Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky (eds.), *NELS 49: Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume 1*, 135–144. Amherst, MA: GLSA Publications.
- Šimík, Radek. 2018. Ever free relatives crosslinguistically. In Uli Sauerland and Stephanie Solt (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, 375–392. Berlin: Leibniz-Center General Linguistics.
<https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/sub/index.php/sub/article/view/112>
- Šimík, Radek. 2020. Doubling unconditionals and relative sluicing. *Natural Language Semantics* 28(1), 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-019-09157-4>

Personal research questions related to the project

What is the categorial nature of adverbial clauses?

Are adverbial clauses PPs, NPs (DPs), or both, depending on their use?

How are adverbial clauses syntactically and semantically integrated into their host clause?

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Linguistic expertise: (generative) morpho-syntax, syntax-(lexico-)semantics interface

Other crucial points: PhD student in prof. dr. Norbert Corver's *MiMa* project

Personal research questions related to the project

1. What is the inner structure of non-clausal Manner adverbials?
2. What is the outer behavior (distribution) of non-clausal Manner adverbials?
3. How do the answers to (1) and (2) relate?

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

Carla Umbach, Stefan Hinterwimmer & Helmar Gust (2021) [German 'wie'-complements: Manners, methods and events in progress.](#)
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory

Personal research questions related to the project

I work at the moment on non-manner interpretation of subordinated manner clauses as in (1) in the interpretation shown in (1b).

- (1) *Haben Sie schon einmal gesehen , wie ein australischer Marienkäfer eine Schmierlauskolonie verspeist ?*

'Did you ever see

(a) how an Australian ladybug eats a settlement of lice?'

(b) an Australian ladybug eating a settlement of lice.'

I want to explore their meaning and usage across languages.

More generally, I do research on the meaning of German *wie* in adverbials as well as comparison constructions starting from a unified interpretation of *wie* as denoting similarity (see Umbach & Gust 2014, König & Umbach 2018).

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Key publications on adverbial clauses

Willis, David. 2022. The development of realis conditional clauses in Welsh. In Erich Poppe, Simon Rodway & Jenny Rowland (eds.), *Celts, Gaels and Britons*. Turnhout: Brepols.

Meelen, Marieke & David Willis. 2021. Towards a historical treebank of Middle and Early Modern Welsh, part I: Workflow and POS tagging. *Journal of Celtic Linguistics* 22. 125–154.

Willis, David. 2020. Using social-media data to investigate morphosyntactic variation and dialect syntax in a lesser-used language: Two case studies from Welsh. *Glossa* 5(1): 103. 1–33.

Breitbarth, Anne, Christopher Lucas & David Willis. 2020. *The history of negation in the languages of Europe and the Mediterranean, volume 2: Patterns and processes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Personal research questions related to the project

- what can we know about the structure, typology and diachrony of realis/irrealis marking on complementizers?
- how do the left periphery and focus operate in conditional clauses?
- are certain type of conditional clauses associated with verb-initial languages or more likely to arise in verb-initial languages?
- what are the implications of the existence of reanalysis of adjunct clauses (English *I know how you always play tennis on Saturdays*) as complementizer clauses for our understanding of grammaticalization?

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- a. brief overview
- b. main project topics
- c. planned conferences/workshops
- d. related issues

[3] First international conference in Cologne: May 20–21, 2022

Brief overview:

- inspiration: Daimler and Benz Foundation grant (*Adverbial clauses as non canonical adjuncts*), 05/2019 – 05/2021
- funding institution: German Science Foundation
- project format: scientific network
- funding period: 11/2011 – 10/2024
- number of workshops: 6
(subject to change: Cologne x2, Göttingen x1, Tübingen x1, Konstanz x1, Hamburg x1)
- future idea: apply for an international research unit (*Forschungsgruppe*), **eight years**, PhD students; the network project should pave the way for the research unit;
(https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/coordinated_programmes/research_units/index.html)

Brief overview:

➤ the project consists of 19 regular network members, 15 associate network members, and 12 invited speakers/guests:

– Caponigro: Mesoamerican

– Larson: Austronesian

– Polinsky: Caucasian

– Safir: African

- Katrin Axel-Tober (University of Tübingen)
- Ivano Caponigro (University of California San Diego)
- Regine Eckardt (University of Konstanz)
- Liliane Haegeman (Ghent University)
- Roland Hinterhölzl (University of Venice)
- Angelika Kratzer (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
- Richard K. Larson (Stony Brook University)
- Roland Meyer (Humboldt University of Berlin)
- David Pesetsky (MIT)
- Maria Polinsky (University of Maryland)
- Marga Reis (University of Tübingen)
- Ken Safir (Rutgers University)

Main project topics and planned conferences:

- meeting #1: *Adverbial clauses between subordination and coordination*
- meeting #2: *Diachrony and development of adverbial clauses*
- meeting #3: *Synchronic variation of adverbial clauses*
- meeting #4: *Adverbial clauses as argument clauses*
- meeting #5: *Adverbial clauses and their integration status*
- meeting #6: *Adverbial clauses as relative clauses*

Related issues:

- Newsletter: every month, news, your publications on adverbial clauses, etc.
- Round-table discussion: manuscripts, first drafts, data from other languages, etc.

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- save the date: 20th–21st May 2022 (Friday + Saturday), University of Cologne, House of Prominence (HoP)
- *Adverbial clauses between coordination and subordination* (working title)
- a CfP will be announced on Linguist List in January (4 slots for external colleagues, in particular for PhD students working on adverbial clauses)
- as a network member you don't have to apply, but if you want to present please send us your **title** and a brief **abstract** until the end of **February**
- if you are a network member and present, we cover all costs

- invited speakers:
 - Regine Eckardt (University of Konstanz, Germany)
 - Liliane Haegeman (Ghent University, Belgium)
 - Richard Larson (Stony Brook University, USA)
 - Ken Safir (Rutgers University, USA)
- Ken Safir and Richard Larson stay longer in Germany
- please spread the word among your (PhD) students interested in adverbial clauses
- we plan to publish proceedings from the first conference
- do **you** have any questions concerning the Cologne conference?

- do you have questions/suggestions/ideas concerning the project?
- we are looking forward to welcome you in Cologne!