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## CURRENT POSITION

2010– *Akademischer Rat a. Z. (Lecturer / Assistant Professor)*, Chair Prof. Christian Mair, English Department, University of Freiburg, Germany

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Sociolinguistics, variation, World Englishes, contact linguistics, interactional sociolinguistics

## APPOINTMENTS HELD

2010 *Chargé de cours*, Department of English, University of Lausanne, Switzerland  
 2009–2010 *Akademischer Mitarbeiter*, English Department, University of Freiburg, Germany  
 2008–2009 *Lecturer in Sociolinguistics*, School of Linguistics & English Language, Bangor University  
 2006–2008 *Tutor*, various colleges, University of Oxford  
 2007 *Visiting Lecturer*, University of Westminster

## EDUCATION

2009 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in English Language, University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
 – Supervisor: Prof. Suzanne Romaine  
 – Examiners: Dr Anthea Fraser Gupta & Dr David Cram  
 2005 LICENCE ÈS LETTRES in English Studies, University of Fribourg, Switzerland  
 – Supervisor: Prof. Peter Trudgill  
 1999 MATURITÉ, Collège St-Michel, Fribourg, Switzerland  
 – Specialisation: Economics & social sciences

## FURTHER TRAINING

2008 *Developing Learning and 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, United Kingdom

## MEMBERSHIP

2009– Swiss Association of University Teachers of English (SAUTE)  
 2009– UK Higher Education Academy (HEA, Associate Fellow)  
 2008– International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE)  
 2006– Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)

## SERVICE

### Peer review

- 2009 Special issue 'Models of interaction in bilinguals', *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*, volume 13.3–4

### Administrative responsibilities

- 2010–  
2008–2009 *Course Coordinator*, Master of English Language and Linguistics, University of Freiburg  
2008–2009 *Deputy Senior Tutor*, School of Linguistics, Bangor University  
2008–2009 *Health & Safety Coordinator*, School of Linguistics, Bangor University  
2008–2009 *Personal Tutor*, School of Linguistics, Bangor University

### Conference organisation

- 2006–2008 *Member*, Executive Committee, LingO 2007

## TEACHING

### University of Lausanne

- 2010 *Linguistic variation*, BA/MA seminar

### University of Freiburg

- 2010 *Language planning and policy*, Proseminar I  
2010 *Varieties of English*, Proseminar I  
2009–2010 *East and Southeast Asian varieties of English*, Proseminar I  
2009–2010 *Field methods in sociolinguistics*, Proseminar I

### Bangor University

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

### University of Oxford

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

### University of Westminster

- 2007 *Sociolinguistics*, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 1LIN403  
2007 *Sociolinguistics*, postgraduate module, 1LIN7B1

## IT SKILLS

- OS Mac OS X (10.6), Windows XP, Linux Ubuntu (9.10)  
SUITES MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), OpenOffice  
E-LEARNING Blackboard Learning System  
TYPESETTING L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>, T<sub>E</sub>XShop 2.26

## AWARDS

- 2007–2008 Browning Senior Scholarship, Pembroke College, Oxford  
 2006 Maxwell & Meyerstein Awards, Faculty of English, Oxford

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Interaction	Production	
<b>Swiss-German</b> <sup>1, 2</sup>	C2	C2	C2	C2	n/a
<b>German</b> <sup>1</sup>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>French</b> <sup>1, 3</sup>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>English</b> <sup>4</sup>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>Italian</b> <sup>1</sup>	B2	C1	B1	B2	B1
<b>Mandarin</b> <sup>1</sup>	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
<b>Welsh</b> <sup>5</sup>	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

<sup>1</sup>Self-assessment <sup>2</sup>Native language <sup>3</sup>Medium of education (up to *maturité*) <sup>4</sup>Cambridge ESOL CPE examination (C2, June 2003, result: A) <sup>5</sup>WJEC Entry Level Certificate (A1, June 2009, result: 98%)

## PUBLICATIONS &amp; TALKS

## Conference proceedings

- 2008 From post-creole continuum to diglossia: the case of Singapore English. M. Kokkonidis et al (eds) *Proceedings of LingO 2007*. Oxford: Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, 149–156. [www](#)
- 2008 English in Singapore: diglossia or continuum? J. Angouri et al (eds) *LangUE 2007: Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Language at the University of Essex Postgraduate Conference*. Colchester: Department of Language and Linguistics. [www](#)
- 2008 Discourse particles and the Singaporean diglossia. A. Donakey et al (eds) *Papers in Linguistics from the University of Manchester (PLUM): Proceedings from the 16<sup>th</sup> International Postgraduate Linguistics Conference, 20 April 2007*. Manchester: School of Languages, Linguistics, and Cultures, 47–59.
- 2007 Variation in Singapore English as reflected in aspectual constructions. N. Hilton et al (eds) *CamLing2007: Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> University of Cambridge Postgraduate Conference in Language Research held on 20–21 March 2007*. Cambridge: Institute of Language Research, 162–168. [www](#)

## Book reviews

- 2009 Review of: Mesthrie, R. (ed.) (2008) *Varieties of English. Volume 4: Africa, South and Southeast Asia*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. LinguistList issue 20.2281, 24 June 2009. [www](#)

## Theses

- 2009 Modelling variation in Singapore English. *D.Phil Thesis*, Faculty of English, University of Oxford.
- 2005 Interviewer influence and linguistic variation in the English of twenty younger educated Singaporeans. *Mémoire de licence*, Faculty of Arts, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

## Papers presented

ABSTRACT  
ACCEPTED

The heterogeneity of geographically defined World Englishes: evidence from ‘Singapore English’. *18<sup>th</sup> Sociolinguistics Symposium*, University of Southampton, 1–4 September 2010.

ABSTRACT  
ACCEPTED

English and identity in Singapore: An indexical approach. *21<sup>st</sup> GNEL/ASNEL Conference*,

University of Bayreuth, Germany, 13–16 May 2010.

ABSTRACT  
ACCEPTED

Geographically defined varieties in a globalised world: the Singaporean case. *SWELL 2010: Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics*, University of Berne, Switzerland, 12 March 2010.

- 2009 Ethnicity as a variable in Singapore English. *ICLCE3: 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English*, Institute of English Studies, University of London, 15–17 July 2009.
- 2008 Sociolinguistic variation in Singapore: towards a new model. *NWAV 37: New Ways of Analysing Variation*, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 6–9 November 2008. [www](#)
- 2008 ‘Singlish’, ‘Good English’, and what’s in between: a model for sociolinguistic variation in Singapore. *First Triennial Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English*, English Department, University of Freiburg, Germany, 8–11 October 2008. [www](#)
- 2008 Modelling sociolinguistic variation in Singapore English. *SWELL 2008: Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics*, Department of English, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 7 March 2008.
- 2007 From post-creole continuum to diglossia: the case of Singapore English. *LingO 2007: 2<sup>nd</sup> Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics*, Centre for Linguistics and Philology, University of Oxford, 21–22 September 2007. [www](#)
- 2007 English in Singapore: diglossia or continuum? *LangUE 2007: 2<sup>nd</sup> Language at the University of Essex Postgraduate Conference*, Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Essex, 13 July 2007.
- 2007 [poster] Discourse particles and the Singaporean diglossia. *16<sup>th</sup> International Postgraduate Linguistics Conference*, Department of Linguistics, University of Manchester, 20 April 2007.
- 2007 [poster] Variation in Singapore English as reflected in aspectual constructions. *CamLing 2007: 5<sup>th</sup> University of Cambridge Postgraduate Conference in Language Research*, Institute of Language Research, University of Cambridge, 20–21 March 2007. [www](#)
- 2006 Diglossia in Singapore? *English Graduate Conference*, Faculty of English, University of Oxford, 9 June 2006.

### Invited talks

- 2010 The management of multilingualism in a city-state. *Linguistic Diversity Management in Urban Areas*, Landesexzellenzinitiative, University of Hamburg, Germany, 29 March 2010.
- 2009 Modelling variation in Singapore English. *Oberseminar*, Department of English, University of Freiburg, Germany, 25 November 2009.
- 2009 Ethnicity as a variable in Singapore English. *Linguistic Circle research seminars*, School of Linguistics and English Language, Bangor University, Wales, 25 February 2009.
- 2007 Multilingual Singapore. *Bilingualism lecture series* (Summer Term 2007), Department of English, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 5 April 2007.