

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional experience

Adjunct professor, Lecturer (sector L-LIN/01; L-LIN/02; L-LIN/12)

FUB – Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

- 2017/2018 'Prerequisite: English language and grammar B2'/Laboratory, Faculty of Education German section, Master's degree in Primary Education – 4th year
- 2017/2018 'Didactic 3rd language: Reading and writing in the classroom'/Lab., Master's degree in Primary Education Germ. section – 5th year
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- 2020/2021 'Didactic 3rd language: Reading and writing in the classroom'/Lab., Master's degree in Primary Education Germ. section – 5th year
- 2021/2022 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD ASE - Advanced-Systems Engineering
- 2021/2022 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD SET - Sustainable Energy and Technologies
- 2021/2022 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD Computer Science

- 2021/2022 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD MEA - Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems
- 2021/2022 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD FEB – Food Engineering and Biotechnology
- 2022/2023 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD ASE - Advanced-Systems Engineering
- 2022/2023 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD SET - Sustainable Energy and Technologies
- 2022/2023 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD MEA - Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems
- 2022/2023 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD FEB – Food Engineering and Biotechnology
- 2022/2023 'English 1' – Master Eco-Social Design
- 2023/2024 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD ASE - Advanced-Systems Engineering
- 2023/2024 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD SET - Sustainable Energy and Technologies
- 2023/2024 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD MEA - Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems
- 2023/2024 'Advanced Scientific English'/Faculty of Science and Technology – PhD FEB – Food Engineering and Biotechnology
- 2023/2024 'English 1' – Master Eco-Social Design
- 2023/2024 'English Language Teaching-L3: Approaches, syllabuses, lesson plans, assessment and materials in TEYL'//Laboratory, Faculty of Education, Master's degree in Primary Education Italian section – 5th year

Lecturer, LC - Language Centre/Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (sector L-LIN/12, L-LIN/01)

Academic English in Higher Education: list of courses taught since 2014/a selection

- 2018/2019 English intensive for researchers C1
- 2017/2018 English intensive for academic staff C1.1 (professors & researchers)
- 2017/2018 English C1.1 – C1.2 intensive

- 2016/2017 English B1.2a extensive
- 2016/2017 English C1 intensive
- 2016/2017 English C1 extensive
- 2016/2017 English B2.2b extensive
- 2016/2017 English C1 intensive
- 2015/2016 English C1 extensive
- 2014/2015 Refresh your English B1.2/Studium Generale
- 2014/2015 English summer intensive academic staff/PhD students (ESP/English for specific purposes)
- 2014/2015 English B2.2
- 2014/2015 CAE – training
- 2013/2014 English B1.2
- 2013/2014 English B1.1 (GE/General English + ESP)

Exam work/Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (FUB)

- Examiner for FUB entrance and exit exams
- FUB language certification exams: B1, B2, C1
- Exams/EOCT language courses/LC & Studium Generale
- Examiner for University of Cambridge ESOL examinations (till Dec. 2016) FCE (First Certificate in English/B2) and CAE (English Advanced/C1)
- Examiner/examination committees (L-LIN-12; L-LIN-02) for the Faculty of Education, Master's degree in Primary Education; for the Faculty of Science and Technology, PhD programmes

Teacher trainer/deutsche Bildungsdirektion (BZ); Päd. Abteilung (BZ); In-house courses

- Different courses on didactic methodologies for secondary school English teachers & 'English for secondary school teachers of other subjects' (2008/2009; 2009/2010; 2010/2011)
- Different courses on didactic methodologies for primary school English teachers (2007/2008; 2008/2009; 2012/2013; 2014/2015)

Further English teaching experience

- 2012 - 2023: Realgymnasium/Sprachengymnasium Philipp Fallmerayer Brixen, scientifically and foreign language oriented highschool - Member of the school leaving examination board

- 2003 - 2011: TFO (Technologische Fachoberschule) Meran & Max Valier, Bozen, technologically oriented high school – Member of the school leaving examination board
- 2008 – 2011: Evening school (A levels for adults) - Member of the examination commission
- 2002 - 2003: European Language School - Trento
- 1999 – 2002: Private school (lang. courses for adults) - Trento

Academic degrees

2022	PhD in Linguistics – field of research: Multilingual awareness in young adolescent language learners in South Tyrol, m.c.l./w. excellence, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck
2007	SSIS/post-graduate degree (second level specialising master/four-semester didact. specialisation post lauream and one year professional practical training) to obtain the teaching qualification (<i>Abilitazione statale all'insegnamento della letteratura e cultura inglese</i>), 80/80, Free University of Bolzano
2003	<i>Laurea/vecchio ordinamento</i> (8 semester course of studies) in <i>Lingue e letterature straniere moderne</i> (English and German literature), Università degli Studi di Trento

Professional Affiliations

- Member of **ALA** (Association for Language Awareness)
- Member of **IAM** (International Association of Multilingualism)
- Member of **ATEE** (Association for Teacher Education in Europe)
- Member of **TESOL Italy - Val d'Adige Etschtal local group**
- Member of **ICLHE - regional group** (Integration of Content and Language in Higher Education)
- Member of **ATEE** (Association for Teacher Education in Europe)
- Member of **IATEFLs SIGs**/Special Interest Group: **TTed** SIG (Teacher Training and Education)

- Member of **EDILIC** (Education and Ling. and Cult. Diversity Association)
- Member of the European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing (**EATAW**)

Grants and awards

2018 – 2021 Research scholarship/MUR (Italian Ministry of University and Research), PhD, University of Innsbruck

Research groups

2019 – present Member of **DyME** (*Dynamics of Multilingualism with English*): a research group of scholars based at the University of Innsbruck

Further professional development

2017 – present A selection:

- Certificates:
 - Teacher Training Certificate – teacher educator, Prof Freeman/University of Michigan & Università degli studi Roma 3, Oct. 2017 - May 2018
 - Certificate: EAP – Teaching English for academic purposes, Oxford TEFL & Trinity College of London, Jan 2017 - May 2017
- GABEK seminar, analysis of dynamic, qualitative data, DyME research group, Innsbruck, July, 2022
- “The future of language education in Europe: lessons learnt from case studies”, July 2020, NESET & European Commission with Prof Jim Cummins
- “The role of bilingual education models and language sensitive curricula in multilingual contexts”, July 2020, NESET & European Commission with Prof Jim Cummins
- “Innovative language teaching methods, school networks and labels as ways to promote multilingualism and language education”, June 2020, NESET & European Commission with Jim Cummins

- „Research projects“, Oct. 2019 – Feb. 2020, Leopold Franzens University/Innsbruck
- „Research projects“, Feb. - June 2019, LFU/Innsbruck
- „Research projects“, Oct. 2018 - Feb. 2019, LFU/Innsbruck
- „Argumentationsanalyse, narrative Inhaltsanalyse in Interviews“, March - June 2019, LFU/Innsbruck
- „Language awareness from the grassroots: multilingualism in South Africa“, April 2019, Prof Coetzee, LFU/Innsbruck
- „Multilingual transfer“, Oct. - Jan. 2018, LFU/Innsbruck
- „Assessing English for Specific Academic Purposes“, FUB/LC
- „The Cambridge English Scale“, Cambridge English, Webinar
- „Training as Cambridge examiner for academic and professional English“, FUB/LC (diff. training sessions)

Additional responsibilities and professional experience

A selection

2006 – 2014	Member and coordinator of different working groups at the TFO and the „ <i>Realgymnasium</i> “
2008 - 2018	Freelance translator (Italian – German; English –German)
2007 – 2011	Team leader/head of the subject section English at the TFO Bozen
2007 – 2011	Coordinator of the support teachers at the TFO Bozen

Academic conferences and symposia

2019 - present

A selection:

- (Forthcoming) 17th International conference of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA): *Language Awareness, Education & Power*. Karlsruhe University of Education, Karlsruhe, Germany, July 2024 (invited speaker for the Symposium ‘Metalinguistic awareness’) with U. Jessner, E. Allgäuer Hackl and B. Hofer. Paper: ‘Conceptualizing and testing

metalinguistic and cross-linguistic awareness in multilingual educational contexts'

- Plurilingual Education Conference: *One school many languages: bridging research and school practice through plurilingual education*. EURAC, Bozen, Italy, December 2023. Selected paper: 'Fostering plurilingual competences in South Tyrol' (with B. Hofer)
- EDiLiC Conference: *From Early Childhood to Adulthood: Transitions, Continuity, and Disruptions in Plurilingual Education*. University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Copenhagen, June 2023. Selected paper: 'Language instruction in South Tyrol: a comparison of the three instruction systems and the resulting continuities and disruptions from a psycholinguistic perspective'
- Conference: *Appreciating Plurilingual Competencies: Current and Future Perspectives. Thematic area: Multi-competence from a dynamic perspective*. Masaryk University, Czech Republic, Brno, June 2022. Selected paper: 'Multilingual competencies as emergent properties of dynamic multilingual systems' (with B. Hofer)
- Zukunftswerkstatt: *Smart Language Learning*. University of Innsbruck, Dyme research group, Austria, Innsbruck, September 2021 (member of steering committee)
- Internationale Tagung: *Mehrsprachigkeit als Chance*. Päd. Hochschule Kärnten, Austria, Carinthia, Klagenfurt, September 2021. Selected paper: 'Language(s) learning in trilingual South Tyrol'
- Conference: *Tertiary Teaching in the Multilingual University*, June 2021, Faculty of Education (FUB) and ICLHE, Italy, Brixen, June 2021. Selected paper: 'Multilingual education: building bridges between languages in the curriculum'
- Symposium & workshop Differently Abled II: *Vom Sprachstand zum Sprachprozess: dynamische Strategien im Umgang mit den sprachlich anderen* - cross-disciplinary exchange. University of Innsbruck, Dyme research group, Austria, Innsbruck, December 2020, online (member of steering committee)
- Symposium: German Research Cluster *Language Education and Multilingualism*. University of Hamburg, Germany, Hamburg, December, 2020
- 15th International conference of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA) – *Languageing and Language Awareness in the Global Age*. Deakin

University, Australia, Melbourne, October, 2020, online. Selected paper: 'Languages in mind: exploring multilingual awareness in complex multilingual systems'

- NESET (European Commission) webinar - *The future of language education in Europe – case studies of innovative practice* (Language Education and Multilingualism); discussant: Jim Cummins, University of Toronto, June and July 2020
- Workshop Differently Abled I: *Vom Sprachstand zum Sprachprozess im Kontext von Mehrsprachigkeit* - cross-disciplinary exchange (linguists, psychologists, speech therapists, etc.) on language development, disorders/potential differences in language development in the context of multilingualism. University of Innsbruck, Dyme research group, Austria, Innsbruck, June 2020 (member of steering committee)
- Symposium on *Teaching English as a third language in South Tyrol*. Free University of Bozen, TESOL Italy local group & LG, Italy, Bozen, Nov. 2019. Selected paper: 'Multilingual awareness in young learners – first results from an empirical study carried out in South Tyrol'
- Conference on *Metacognition in multilingual development: from multilingual children to polyglots*. University of Innsbruck, DYME research group, Austria, Obergurgl, Sept. 2019. Invited speaker: 'Languages in mind: trilingual assessment of metalinguistic awareness from a psycholinguistic perspective'
- Roundtable *What's special about multilingualism?*, Institute of Multilingualism, Switzerland, Fribourg, Feb. 2019

Publications

- Spechtenhauser, B. & Jessner, U. (2024). Complex interaction in the multilingual mind: assessing metalinguistic abilities and their effects on decoding a new language system in trilingual learners. *Lingua*, 301 (SJR 2023: Q1; ANVUR classe A 10/L1; 10/G1) DOI: doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2024.103678
- Spechtenhauser, B., Hofer, B., & Jessner, U. (submitted). Moving towards (new) multilingual norms. *Languages*

- Spechtenhauser, B. & Jessner, U. (submitted). Dynamics of multilingual metalinguistic development and socioeconomic determinants: A case study of adolescent learners in the multilingual region of South Tyrol.
- Spechtenhauser, B. (working paper). Von metalinguistischen Kompetenzen und Transferstrategien adoleszenter Mehrsprachenlerner in Südtirol – welche Schlüsse können wir daraus ziehen?
- Spechtenhauser, B. (2022) *Many languages – one mind: exploring dimensions of multilingual awareness in dynamic multilingual systems*, Dissertation, University of Innsbruck, Department of English, Printing Services
- Spechtenhauser, B. & Gasser, E. (2015) *Der kleine Rabe Laurenz Linguistikus* - Kinder zum Sprachenlernen animieren, Kinderbuch, A. Weger, ISBN 978-88-6563-146-1
- Spechtenhauser, B. (2007) *E-Learning, Blended Learning als didaktische Methoden im modernen Englischunterricht*, University of Bolzano, Faculty of Education, Printing Services
- Spechtenhauser, B. (2002) *Geschichten derer ohne Geschichte*, University of Trento, Thesis, facoltà di lettere, Printing Services

Other academic responsibilities

- Reviewer of two scholarly journals

Research activities

Current fields of research & research activities:

- Implications of multiple language learning for linguistic and cognitive development
- Third and additional language acquisition
- Multilingualism in education in South Tyrol
- Language contact phenomena in relation to multilingual awareness - metalinguistic and crosslinguistic awareness
- Strategy use and transfer in multilinguals

- The development of multilingual competences in relation to socioeconomic factors

Entrepreneurship

2007 - 2008

Foundation and construction of an 'agritourism' with holiday apartments

Languages

- German (L1); English; Italian (proficiency)
- French (B2); Spanish (B1); Latin (A2)

February 2024