

Birgit Alber - Curriculum Vitae

education

- 1997. PhD in Linguistics, University of Padova; dissertation: Il sistema metrico dei prestiti del tedesco. Aspetti e problemi della teoria prosodica [The metrical system of German loanwords. Aspects and issues in prosodic theory];
- 1994-1996. visiting scholar at Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, Department of Linguistics, the first year with a Fulbright fellowship;
- 1990. MA (*laurea quadriennale*) in Lingue e Letterature Straniere, University Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy (110/110, summa cum laude); Major: Linguistics; Foreign Languages: German, English, Russian.

present appointment

- full professor (*professore ordinario*) of German Linguistics (L-LIN/14), Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy.

professional academic experience

- 2004-2019. Associate professor of German Linguistics (L-LIN/14), University of Verona, I.
- 2018. Harald-Weinrich Gastlehrstuhl, University of Bielefeld, D.
- 2001-2004. Associate professor of German Linguistics (L-LIN/14), University of Trento, I.
- 1997-2001. Assistant professor (C1), University of Marburg, D, Fachbereich Germanistik und Kunstwissenschaften.
- 1990-1992. German language lecturer, University Ca' Foscari, Venice, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

teaching

- Introduction to German Linguistics (phonology, morphology, syntax) at the BA-level at the Universities of Marburg, Trento, Verona.
- Advanced courses (MA-level) in German dialectology, prosodic morphology, Optimality Theory, contrastive phonology, history of the German language, principles of orthography, at the Universities of Marburg, Bielefeld, Verona.
- PhD courses in Phonology at the University of Verona.
- International teaching experiences:
 - October 2018: PhD seminar 'Analyzing linguistic typologies with OTWorkplace & Property Theory', University of Tromsø, N [co-taught with Alan Prince and Nazarré Merchant].
 - seminars at PhD, MA and BA level in the context of Erasmus exchanges with the universities of Düsseldorf [2015], Jena [2014, 2013, 2012] and Marburg [2006];
 - 'Metrical Theory' at ESSLLI 17, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh [2005].

- supervision of PhD theses:
 - Anna Katharina Pilsbacher, 'Descending into Deep Structure'[expected 2023, UiT Tromsø, N and University of Verona, I; co-supervised with Martin Krämer, UiT Tromsø];
 - Tor Håvard Solhaug, 'A Critical Look at the Prosodic Hierarchy' [expected 2022, UiT Tromsø, N and University of Verona, I; co-supervised with Martin Krämer, UiT Tromsø];
 - Eirini, Apostolopoulou, 'Formalizing variation in language-contact contexts: Phonological analysis of Italo-Greek varieties' [expected 2022, University of Verona, I and UiT Tromsø, N; co-supervised with Martin Krämer, UiT Tromsø];
 - Joachim Kokkelmans, 'Towards a synchronic and diachronic typological model of sibilant inventories' [expected 2021, University of Verona, I];
 - Marta Meneguzzo, 'Consonant clusters and sonority in the Germanic and Romance varieties of Northern Italy', [July 2018, University of Verona, I];
 - Svenja Brünger, 'Sprachplanung im Trentino. Standardisierungsprozesse im Fassanischen, Fersentalerischen und Zimbrischen und ihre Akzeptanz seitens der Sprecher', [Universities of Jena and Verona, 2013];
 - Barbara Vogt, 'Prosodische Morphologie in grammatischen Kunstsprachen des Deutschen', [University of Verona, I, 2009].
- external reviewing of PhD theses
 - Nina Oudekken, University of Nijmegen, NL, 2018 [member of diss. committee];
 - Hope McManus, Rutgers University, U.S.A., 2016 [external member of diss. committee]
 - Violeta Martinez-Paricio, University of Tromsø, N, 2013 [external reviewer - first opponent];
 - Paula Houghton, Rutgers University, U.S.A., 2013 [external member of diss. committee];
 - Federica Cognola, University of Padova, I, 2010; [external member of diss. committee]
 - Anny Schweigkofler, University of Leipzig, D, 2004; [second reviewer].

Other
academic
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sibilities

University of Verona

- 2017- : coordinator of the International Track in Linguistics of the PhD program 'Letteratura straniera, Lingue e Linguistica';
- 2014-18: director of the graduate program in Linguistics;
- coordinator of the PhD cooperation agreement University of Verona-UiT Tromsø, N;
- 2004-11, 2012-14: representative for German at the language center (*Centro Linguistico di Ateneo*);
- 2005-08, 2011-12: member of the Erasmus committee (international student exchange);
- coordinator of the Erasmus exchange with the universities of Marburg, Jena, Düsseldorf, Tromsø, Konstanz and Trier;
- coordinator of an Agreement of Cooperation between the University of Verona and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, U.S.A. [2010].
- member of job selection committees: RTDA L-LIN/14 (Verona, 2017), ricercatore L-LIN/14 (l'Aquila 2008, Verona 2006), selection of foreign language lecturers/CEL

(Verona 2013, Trento 2004, 2001), postoc fellowships (assegni di ricerca) (Bolzano, 2017, 2014, 2011), Verona (2010).

Organization of conferences and seminars (recent)

- 16th Old World Conference in Phonology. OCP16. University of Verona, 16-18 January 2019. <http://sites.hss.univr.it/ocp/>.
- SOTA 3. 3rd Meeting of the Society for Typological Analysis. University of Verona, 19 January 2019.
- 2nd Winter School in Linguistics. PhD Program, University of Verona, 26.11. - 5.12.2018.
- 1st Winter School in Linguistics. PhD Program, University of Verona, 20-29 November 2017.
- 2nd Workshop on the Formal Structure of OT-Typologies, University of Verona, 23-24 June 2016.

Editorial tasks

- co-editor (with Vieri Samek-Lodovici) of the book series 'Advances in Optimality Theory', Equinox Publishing, Sheffield, UK.
- member of the advisory board of the book series 'Studies in Germanic Linguistics', Ohio State University Press.

Memberships /reviewing

memberships

- member of the AIG (Associazione Italiana di Germanistica)
- member of the DGfS (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft)
- member of the AISV (Associazione Italiana Scienze della Voce)
- member of the IGDD (Internationale Gesellschaft für Dialektologie des Deutschen)
- member of the 'Organo linguistico' and of the scientific committee of the Kulturinstitut Bersntol- Istituto culturale mòcheno, Palai-Palù (TN) [since 2006]
- member of the board of reviewers of various international conferences (recently: IGG, Rome, 2018, Phonological Variation and its Interfaces, Barcelona, E, 2018)

Reviewing

- for editors and journals
Oxford University Press, Peter Lang Verlag, Equinox, Benjamins, Frontiers in Psychology, Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft, Phonology, Morphology, Lingua, Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics, Linguistic Inquiry, Annali di Ca' Foscari;
- reviewing of research projects and carriers
Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research: PRIN, FIRB projects, VQR; National research foundation, South Africa; University of Bozen-Bolzano, I; Washington University, St. Louis, USA; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG; University of Marburg, D.

research projects

- 2017-2019. MinLiv: Minimality in Linguistic Variation, University of Verona, progetti ricerca di base; Alber Birgit (principal investigator), Stefan Rabanus, Alessandro Vietti, Barbara Vogt (members);
- 2014-2019. AThEME: Advancing the European Multilingual Experience, grant

agreement 613465, European Commission, 7th Framework Programme; Lisa Cheng, University of Leiden (principal investigator). I was a member of WP 2: Regional Languages;

- 2010-2011. The internal structure of Constraint Systems, University of Verona, CooperInt; Birgit Alber, Alan Prince (principal investigators).
- 2010-2011. Typology of language games: prosodic structure, markedness and parallels to child language, University of Verona, assegno di ricerca; Birgit Alber (coordinator), Barbara Vogt (postdoc);
- 2008-2012. Cimbrian as a test case for synchronic and diachronic language variation, Fondazione Cariverona, Alessandra Tomaselli (principal investigator); Birgit Alber, Sibilla Cantarini, Stefan Rabanus (members).

- fellowships
- 2008-2009. fellowship for a 6 month research period at Rutgers University, USA, University of Verona, CooperInt;
 - 1994-1995. Fulbright Travel Fellowship for PhD program, Rutgers University, USA, Fulbright Commission.

publications **books**

2007. Einführung in die Phonologie des Deutschen. Edizione QuiEdit, Verona. ISBN 978-88-89480-25-0.

2004. Einführung in die Morphologie des Deutschen. Editrice Uni-Service, Trento. [2nd edition with QuiEdit, 2015]. ISBN 978-88-6464-292-5.

chapters in books

to appear. [with Sabine Arndt-Lappe]. Morphology and Metrical Structure. Oxford Research Encyclopedia in Linguistics.

to appear. Word Stress in Germanic. In M. Putnam & R. Page (eds.). Cambridge Handbook of Germanic Linguistics, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

to appear. Italy II. Mòcheno. In H. Boas et al. (eds.). Varieties of German worldwide. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

2018. [with Stefan Rabanus]. Die Sibilanten des Zimbrischen. Konservativität durch Sprachkontakt. In S. Rabanus (ed.). Deutsch als Minderheitensprache in Italien Theorie und Empirie kontaktinduzierten Sprachwandels. Themenheft Germanistische Linguistik. Forschungszentrum Deutscher Sprachatlas, Marburg. 19-47. ISBN 978-3-487-15655-2.

2016. [with Marta Meneguzzo]. Germanic and Romance onset clusters - how to account for microvariation. In E. Bidese, F. Cognola & M. Moroni (eds.). Theoretical Approaches to Linguistic Variation. John Benjamins, Amsterdam. 25-51. ISBN 978-902-725717-8.

2015. Die deutschen Sprachinseln der Zimbern und Fersentaler in Norditalien. Konservativität, Innovation und Kontakt im Lautsystem. In R. Schlösser (ed.), Sprachen im Abseits. Jenaer Beiträge zur Romanistik, AVM.edition, München. 19-45. ISBN 978-395-477039-7

2014. Optimalitätstheorie. Entry in C. Dürscheid & S. Schierholz (eds.). Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (WSK) Online, De Gruyter, <http://www.degruyter.com/view/db/wsk>.

2014. [with Stefan Rabanus and Alessandra Tomaselli]. Continuum linguistico e

- contatto fra varietà germaniche e romanze. In F. Dalle Pezze, M. De Beni, R. Miotti (eds.). *Quien lengua ha a Roma va. Studi di lingua e traduzione per Carmen Navarro*, Universitas Studiorum, Mantova. 9-36. ISBN 978-88-97683-75-9.
2013. *Aspetti fonologici del mòcheno*. In E. Bidese, F. Cognola (eds.), *Introduzione alla linguistica del mòcheno*, Rosenberg&Sellier, 15-35. ISBN 978-88-7885-217-4.
2012. [with Stefan Rabanus and Alessandra Tomaselli]. *Contatto Linguistico nell'area alpina centro-meridionale*. In L. Colombo, M. Dal Corso, P. Frassi, S. Genetti, R. Gorris Camos, P. Ligas and P. Perazzolo (eds.), *La sensibilità della ragione. Studi in omaggio a Franco Piva*, Fiorini, Verona, 1-19. ISBN 978-889-641944-1.
2012. [with Sabine Arndt-Lappe]. *Templatic and subtractive truncation*. In J. Trommer (ed.), *The Morphology and Phonology of Exponence*, Oxford University Press, Oxford. 289-325. ISBN 978-019-957373-8.
2011. *Past Participles in Mòcheno: Allomorphy, Alignment and the distribution of Obstruents*. In M. Putnam (ed.), *Studies on German-Language Islands*, John Benjamins, Amsterdam. 33-64. ISBN 978-902-720590-2.
2008. *Tyrolean A-bar movement: Doubling and Resumptive Pronoun Structures*. In S. Barbiers, O. Koenenman, M. Lekakou, M. van der Ham (eds.) *Microvariation in Syntactic Doubling, Syntax and Semantics Series, Volume 36*, Emerald, Bingley U.K. 978-184-855020-9.
2005. *Foot*. Entry in K. Brown (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, Elsevier, Oxford, 539-546. ISBN 978-008-044299-0.
2003. *Das System Dialekt in der Südtiroler Literatur*. In Foppa, Brigitte, *Schreiben über Bleiben oder Gehen. Die Option in der Südtiroler Literatur 1945-2000*, Editrice Università degli Studi di Trento, 553-568. ISBN 88-8443-041-0.
1998. *Stress preservation in German loan words*. In W. Kehrein und R. Wiese (eds.), *Phonology and Morphology of the Germanic Languages*, Niemeyer, Tübingen, 113-141. ISBN 978-348-430386-7.
1997. *Quantity Sensitivity as the Result of Constraint Interaction*. In Geert Booij & Jeroen van de Weijer (eds.), *Phonology in Progress - Progress in Phonology*. HIL Phonology Papers III, Holland Academic Graphics, The Hague, 1-45. ISBN 905-569-0376.

conference papers

2012. *Toponomastica e ortografia mòchena*. In F. Aste, L. Rella (Hg.), *Cultura minoritaria e toponomastica. Atti del Convegno, Vallarsa 2010*. Centro Stampa Regione Autonoma Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol, 13-35. ISBN 978-889-081700-7.
2012. [with Agosti, M., G.M. Di Nunzio, M. Dussin, S. Rabanus, S. & A. Tomaselli]. *A Curated Database for Linguistic Research: The Test Case of Cimbrian Varieties*. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, LREC 2012*. 21-27 May, Istanbul, Turkey. ISBN 978-295-174087-7.
2011. [with Stefan Rabanus]. *Kasussynekretismus und Belebtheit in germanischen Pronominalparadigmen*. In E. Glaser, J.E. Schmidt, N. Frey (eds.), *Dynamik des Dialekts - Wandel und Variation. Akten des 3 Kongresses der*

- Internationalen Gesellschaft für Dialektologie des Deutschen (IGDD). 23-46. ISBN 978-351-509900-4.
2011. [with Agosti, M., G.M. Di Nunzio, M. Dussin, D. Pescarini, D., S. Rabanus & Tomaselli], A Digital Library of Grammatical Resources for European Dialects. In M. Agosti & N. Orio (eds.). Post-proceedings of the 7th Italian Research Conference on Digital Libraries - IRCDL 2011. LNCS. Springer, Berlin. 61-74. ISBN 978-364-227301-8.
2010. [with M. Agosti, G. M. Di Nunzio, M. Dussin, S. Rabanus and A. Tomaselli. Cimbrian as a Test Case for Synchronic and Diachronic Language Variation: a Conceptual Approach for the Information Space. In Atti del Congresso Nazionale AICA 2010. AICA Associazione Italiana per l'Informatica ed il Calcolo Automatico. Milano, Italy. ISBN 978-889-054060-8.
2009. Wortakzent im Deutschen und im Italienischen: eine kontrastive Analyse. In C. Di Meola, L. Gaeta, Livio, A. Hornung und L. Rega (eds.). Perspektiven Drei. Akten der 3. Tagung Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien (Rom, 14.-16.2.2008). Lang, Frankfurt a.M. u.a. p. 43-53. ISBN 978-3-631-59389-9.
2007. Deutsche und italienische Kurzwörter im Vergleich. In C. Di Meola, L. Gaeta, A. Hornung, L. Rega (eds.). Perspektiven Zwei. Akten der 2. Tagung Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien (Rom, 9.-11.2. 2006). Istituto Italiano di Studi Germanici, Roma, 101-112. www.studigermanici.it/index.php/attivita-editoriale/catalogo-edizioni-studi-germanici/238-schede-libri/807-perspektiven-zwei.
2005. [with Franz Lanthaler]. Der Silbenonset in den Tiroler Dialekten. In C. Di Meola, A. Hornung und L. Rega (eds.). Perspektiven Eins. Akten der 1. Tagung Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien (Rom, 2004). Istituto Italiano di Studi Germanici, Roma, 75-88. <https://www.studigermanici.it/index.php/attivita-editoriale/catalogo-edizioni-studi-germanici/238-schede-libri/798-perspektiven-eins>.
2001. Maximizing First Positions. In Féry C., Green A., Van De Vijver R. (eds.) Linguistics in Potsdam 12. Proceedings of HILP 5, Universität Potsdam, Potsdam, 1-19. 978-3-935024-27-3.
1994. Indizi per l'esistenza di uno split-CP nelle lingue germaniche. In G. Borgato (ed.), Teoria del linguaggio e analisi linguistica. XX Incontro di grammatica generativa, Unipress, Padova, 3-23. ISBN 888-098-0033.

journal articles in refereed academic journals

2018. [with *Alessandro Vietti* and Barbara Vogt]. Initial Laryngeal Neutralization in Tyrolean. *Phonology*. 35. 79-114. DOI:10.1017/S0952675717000380. [rivista di fascia A, impact factor 2016-0.966, SJR H Index 35].
2016. [with Natalie DelBusso and Alan Prince]. From intensional properties to universal support. *Language*. 92.2. e88-e116. DOI: 10.1353/lan.2016.0029. [rivista di fascia A, impact factor: 2009-1.886, SJR H Index 63].
2014. Obstruent Systems of Northern Italy. Volume speciale di 'L'Italia Dialettale', LXXV. Serie Terza, XI.13-36. ISBN 978-884-674021-2. [rivista di fascia A].
2010. An Exploration of Truncation in Italian. In P. Staroverov, D. Altshuler, A. Braver, C.A. Fasola und S. Murray, Rutgers Working Papers in Linguistics, vol.3, Rutgers Linguistics Graduate Student Association, 1-30. ISBN 978-145-282386-7.

2008. [with Stefan Rabanus and Alessandra Tomaselli]. Bericht zum Ersten Veroneser Workshop 'Neue Tendenzen in der deutschen Dialektologie: Morphologie und Syntax, 13.-14. Dezember 2007'. Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik. LXXV. Jahrgang, Heft 1. 72-82. ISSN 0044-1449. [rivista di fascia A, SJR H-Index 6].
2005. Clash, Lapse and Directionality. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 23.3, 485-542. DOI 10.1007/s11049-004-0482-1. [rivista di fascia A, impact factor: 2018-0.506, SJR H Index 41].
2001. [with Ingo Plag]. Epenthesis, deletion and the emergence of the optimal syllable in creole: the case of Sranan. *Lingua*, Vol. 111, 811-840. DOI 10.1016/S0024-3841(00)00051-6. [rivista di fascia A, impact factor: 2016-0.578, SJR H Index 43].
2001. Regional Variation and Edges: Glottal Stop Epenthesis and Dissimilation in Standard and Southern Varieties of German. *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* Vol. 20.1, 3-41. DOI 10.1515/zfsw.2001.20.1.3. [rivista di fascia A, impact factor: 2016-0.250, SJR H-index 13].

journal articles in professional journals

2008. Die Integration des Dialektes in den literarischen Text, *tribüne. zeitschrift für sprache und schreibung* 2. 16-18. ISBN 978-3-643-99839-2.

online publications

2017. [with Alan Prince]. The Book of nGX. *Memoirs of the Society for Typological Analysis*. Rutgers Optimality Archive #1312. <http://roa.rutgers.edu/article/view/1663>
2017. The Book of BTT. *Memoirs of the Society for Typological Analysis*. Rutgers Optimality Archive #1327. <http://roa.rutgers.edu/article/view/1703>

reviews

- 1997 - . Regular reviews for: *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, Schedario 6. Ladinia Dolomitica, Alto Adige/Südtirol. Schede 154, 155, 221, 275, 287, 363, 384, 431, 479, 601, 714, 719 (see <http://ald.sbg.ac.at/rid/>). ISSN 1128-6369. [rivista di fascia A].
2015. Review of E. Baković (2013). Blocking and Complementarity in Phonological Theory. *Phonology* 32.2. 326-336. DOI 10.1017/S0952675715000196. [rivista di fascia A, impact factor 2016-0.966, SJR H Index 35].
2007. Review of A. Adli (2004). *Grammatische Variation und Sozialstruktur*. *Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik*. Heft LXXIV, Heft 166-69. ISSN 0044-1449. [rivista di fascia A, SJR H-Index 6].
2001. [with Wolfgang Kehrein]. Review of K. Ramers (1998). *Einführung in die Phonologie*. *Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur* 123/3. 433-439. ISSN 1865-9373.

Presentations
at
conferences
/universities
(past 4 years)

keynote

- 2018: International Workshop on 'Phonological Variation and its Interfaces', Barcelona, E. Talk on 'The Typology of Truncation and its Analysis'
- 2017: 25th Manchester Phonology Meeting, Manchester, UK. Talk on 'Typological Analysis in Optimality Theory'.

selected

- OCP15 Conference in Phonology 2018, London, UK. Talk on 'Minimal Variation in the Typology of Stress';
- Conference of the 'Societas Linguistica Europaea' 2018, Tallinn, EST. Talk on 'S-retraction in the Alps' [with Joachim Kokkelmans and Stefan Rabanus];
- Second Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology 2015, Edinburgh, UK. Poster on 'Graduality and Typological Analysis';
- DgfS Konferenz 2015, Leipzig, D. Talk on 'Laryngeal Neutralization in the First Syllable. The Case of Tyrolean';
- OCP11 Conference in Phonology 2015, Barcelona, E. Talk on 'Dialectal Variation and Typological Properties'.

invited

- 2018: Linguistic Colloquium, CASTL, UiT, Tromsø, N. Talk on 'Typological Analysis in OT. A Basic Analysis of Truncation';
- 2018: Phonologie-Kolloquium, Universität Frankfurt, Frankfurt, D. Talk on 'Typological Analysis in Optimality Theory';
- 2018: Kolloquium zu Ehren von Richard Wiese, Marburg, D. Talk on 'Zur Typologie von Kurzwörtern';
- 2017: Workshop on Linguistic Knowledge and Patterns of Variation, Meertens Instituut, Amsterdam, NL. Talk on 'Minimal Variation in the Typology of Stress Patterns';
- 2017: International conference on 'Variation and Universals in language. The implications of typological evidence for formal grammar.' Crecchio, I. Talk on 'The implications of formal typological analysis for the investigation of typological evidence';
- 2017: Workshop 'Le isole linguistiche tedesofone in Italia: situazione attuale e prospettive future', University of Torino, I. Talk on: 'Le sibilanti del cimbro: contatto linguistico e conservazione' [with Stefan Rabanus];
- 2017: Conversazioni Linguistiche, University of Trento, I. Talk on 'L'analisi tipologica nel quadro teorico della Teoria dell'Ottimalità';
- 2017: Linguistisches Kolloquium, University of Bielefeld, D. Talk on 'Typologische Analyse in der Optimalitätstheorie';
- 2016: Lecture Series 'Spielräume im Wortschatz der Sprachen'. University of Trier, D. Talk: 'Zur Typologie von Kurzwörtern' [with Sabine Arndt-Lappe].
- 2015: Lecture Series 'Mehrsprachigkeit in der Romania', University of Konstanz, D. Talk: 'Kontaktbedingter Wandel in den germanischen und romanischen Varietäten Norditaliens' [with Stefan Rabanus];
- 2015: Rutgers Optimality Research Group, Rutgers University, NJ, USA. Talk on 'Minimality and Property Analysis';
- 2015: Workshop on the Formal Structure of OT Typologies, Rutgers University, NJ, USA. Talk on: 'Microvariation and Typological Properties';

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