

Researcher with a fixed-term contract at the F. U. of Bozen-Bolzano (2024–2027)

Education

- Ph.D. in Linguistics (sectors: L-LIN/01 *Glottology and linguistics* & L-LIN/14 *Language and translation - German*)
May 2021 | [University of Verona](#) (Verona, Italy)
Dissertation titled “The Phonetics and Phonology of Sibilants: A Synchronic and Diachronic OT Typology of Sibilant Inventories”.
- Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (German - Scandinavian Studies)
July 2017 | [Ghent University](#) (Ghent, Belgium)
Obtained *summa cum laude* (871/1000). Finished 1st in the category ‘German’.
- Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (German - Swedish)
July 2016 | [Ghent University](#) (Ghent, Belgium)
Obtained *magna cum laude* (781/1000).
- Erasmus exchange
August - December 2015 | [University of Bergen](#) (Bergen, Norway)
Obtained A in all courses, including oral and written exams in *nynorsk* Norwegian.

Languages

Certified

- **German:** *Zweisprachigkeitsprüfung* (bilingualism exam)
September 2019 | Bozen/Balsan/Bulsan/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)
Passed the **C1** test.
- **Italian:** *Esame di bilinguismo* (bilingualism exam)
September 2019 | Bozen/Balsan/Bulsan/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)
Passed the **C1** test.
- **Dolomitic Ladin (Val Badia variety):** *Ejam de trilinguism* (trilingualism exam)
August 2021 | Bozen/Balsan/Bulsan/Bolzano (South Tyrol, Italy)
Passed the **B1** test.
- **English:** International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
May 2019 | Brussels (Belgium)
Obtained 7.5/9 (**C1**).
- **Dutch:** Certificaat Nederlands als Vreemde Taal (CNaVT)
May 2013 | Brussels (Belgium)
Passed the **B2** test (*Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs*).
'Father tongue' (spoken at home), language of 9 years of lower and higher education.

Not certified

- **French:** Native language and language of 10 years of education.
- **Eys Limburgish** (South Lower Franconian dialect): Spoken at home since 2015.
- **Swedish:** Studied during 4 years of university.
- **Norwegian:** Learnt and spoken daily during the Erasmus exchange (see [Education](#)).
Written competence in both *nynorsk* and *bokmål*, though *nynorsk* is dominant.
- **Tyrolean:** Basic competence (used daily in South Tyrol).

Publications

Peer-reviewed

- ALBER, B., ARNDT-LAPPE, S., & KOKKELMANS, J. (unpublished manuscript). The predictability of name truncation. In E. Bonet & C. Pons-Moll (Eds.), *Proceedings of the workshop Nominal Inflection and Word-formation at the Phonology-Morphology Interface (NoWPhoMo)*. Catalan Journal of Linguistics.
- KOKKELMANS, J., ALBER, B., VIETTI, A., & VOGT, B. (unpublished manuscript). Acoustic Properties of Initial Stops in Crowdsourced Data from Southern Bavarian and Dialects from Northeast Italy. Universities of Bozen-Bolzano and L'Aquila.
- KOKKELMANS, J. (unpublished manuscript). The perceptual origin of Alpine pre-consonantal s-retraction. Free University of Bozen-Bolzano.
- SIVIERO, E., ALBER, B., & KOKKELMANS, J. (submitted). Dialektforschung und Schule: Das Projekt VinKiamo Südtirol. In C. Hochstadt & A. Schweigkofler Kuhn (Eds.), *Dialekt in der Lehre*. Tübingen: Narr.
- KOKKELMANS, J., & VOGT, B. (submitted). Das Sibilantensystem in den deutschen Siedlungen Kočevje/Gottschee und Sorica/Zarz in der Krain: Kontaktinduzierte, typologische und sprachstrukturelle Aspekte beim Lautwandel. In A. Murelli, N. Bubenhofer, & B. Schuster (Eds.), *Tagungsband 'Das heutige gesprochene Deutsch zwischen Sprachkontakt und Sprachwandel'*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter.
- ALBER, B., FREY, J.-C., GLAZNIEKS, A., GLÜCK, A., & KOKKELMANS, J. (in press). Verschriftungsprinzipien im geschriebenen Dialekt: WhatsApp-Nachrichten aus Südtirol. *Linguistik Online*.
- KOKKELMANS, J., & APOSTOLOPOULOU, E. (in press). 66. Assimilation and Dissimilation. In E. Aldridge, K. Kiss, A. Ledgeway, J. Salmons, A. Simonenko, & A. Breitbarth (Eds.), *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Diachronic Linguistics* (Vol. 2). London: Wiley-Blackwell.
- KOKKELMANS, J., & ALBER, B. (in press). The life cycle of fricative dissimilation in *Hutterisch* and Bavarian varieties. In A. Prediger (Ed.), *Deutsche Sprachminderheiten in der Welt: Empirische Studien zur Sprachvariation und Sprachideologie*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter.
- ALBER, B., & KOKKELMANS, J. (2022). *Typology and language change: The case of truncation*. In O. Matushansky, L. Rousarie, M. Russo, E. Soare, & S. Wauquier (Eds.), *Isogloss: Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 17* (Vol. 8, pp. 1–17).

- ALBER, B., KOKKELMANS, J., & RABANUS, S. (2021). *S-retraction in the Alps: Germanic, Romance, Slavic*. In T. Stolz (Ed.), *Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung (STUF - Language Typology and Universals)* (Vol. 74, pp. 17–38).
- KOKKELMANS, J. (2020a). *Middle High German and modern Flemish s-retraction in /rs/-clusters*. In G. De Vogelaer, D. Koster, & T. Leuschner (Eds.), *German and Dutch in Contrast: Synchronic, Diachronic and Psycholinguistic Perspectives* (pp. 213–238).

Not peer-reviewed

- KOKKELMANS, J., & ALBER, B. (2023). *Die Dur[ch]setzung eines Lautwandels in der südbairischen Sprachinsel der Hutterer in Nordamerika*. *Der Schlern*, 97(4), 36–49.
- KOKKELMANS, J. (2020b). *Postalveolaire klanken in het dialect van Eys en hun belang voor de taalkunde: Wat e paar wöët op et plat òs kenne vertelle övver algemeng klankwette*. In P. Bakkes, P. Klein, & T. van de Wijngaard (Eds.), *Veldeke Jaarboek 2019* (pp. 149–173). Roermond: Vereniging Veldeke Limburg.
- KOKKELMANS, J. (2018). *Elvis Presley, God and Jane: the Germanic proprial article in a comparative perspective*. *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax (WPSS)*, 100, 64–98.

Publication of corpora

- RABANUS, S., KRUIJT, A., ALBER, B., BIDESE, E., GAETA, L., & RAIMONDI, G. (2024). *AlpiLink Corpus*. In collaboration with P. B. Mas, S. Bertollo, J. Casalicchio, R. Cioffi, P. Cordin, M. Cosentino, S. Dal Negro, A. Glück, J. Kokkelmans, A. Murelli, A. Padovan, A. Pons, M. Rivoira, M. Tagliani, C. Saracco, E. Siviero, A. Tomaselli, R. Videsott, A. Vietti & B. Vogt.
- TOMASELLI, A., KRUIJT, A., ALBER, B., BIDESE, E., CASALICCHIO, J., CORDIN, P., ... ZUIN, F. (2022). *ATHeme Verona-Trento Corpus*. Eurac Research CLARIN Centre.

Reviews

- KOKKELMANS, J. (in press-a). *Recensione di Pour une typologisation des néologismes en ladin*, by Vittorio Dell'Aquila, Michela Giovannini and Fabio Scetti. *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 47.
- KOKKELMANS, J. (in press-b). *Recensione di Le affricate dentali dell'italiano di Bolzano: ipotesi di contatto endogeno ed esogeno*, by Chiara Meluzzi. *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 47.
- KOKKELMANS, J. (2019a). *Recensione di Les frontières linguistiques du ladin dolomitique*, by Sylvia Thiele. *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 47.

dialettologia, 43, 339–340.

- KOKKELMANS, J. (2019b). Recensione di *Palatal obstruents in two Rhaeto-Romance varieties: acoustic analysis of a sound change in progress*, by Stephan Schmid and Stefano Negrinelli. *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 43, 346–347.

- KOKKELMANS, J. (2019c). Recensione di *'Zeta' di frontiera: confronto tra giovani*

Bolzanini italofoeni e germanofoni, by Chiara Meluzzi. *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 43, 357–358.

- KOKKELMANS, J. (2019d). Recensione di *Die deutschen Sprachinseln der Zimbern und Fersentaler in Norditalien. Konservativität, Innovation und Kontakt im Lautsystem*, by Birgit Alber. *Rivista Italiana di Dialettologia*, 43, 358–359.

Theses

- KOKKELMANS, J. (2021). *The Phonetics and Phonology of Sibilants: A Synchronic and Diachronic OT Typology of Sibilant Inventories* (Doctoral dissertation, University of Verona).

- KOKKELMANS, J. (2017). *Die Achillesfersche einer Lautverschiebung im Vollzug. Postalvelarisation, Retroflektierung und r-Schwund bei /rs/ in flämischen Umgangssprachen und den germanischen Sprachen, sowie deren Beziehung zu den Aussprachearten von /r/* (Master's thesis, Ghent University).

Experience

Posters and presentations at linguistics conferences

- 2024: Talk with E. Apostolopoulou at the *26th International Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (ISTAL 26)* (Thessaloniki, GR)
- 2024: Talk with B. Alber and S. Arndt-Lappe at the conference *Nominal Inflection and Word-formation at the Phonology-Morphology Interface (NoW-PhoMo)* (Barcelona, Catalonia, ES)
- 2023: Talk with A. Glaznieks, B. Alber and J.-C. Frey at the conference *15. Bayerisch-Österreichische Dialektologietagung (BÖDT)* (Munich, DE)
- 2022: Talk with B. Alber at the conference *Beyond Borders: German-speaking Minorities in Italy and around the World* (Trento, IT)
- 2022: Talk with B. Alber at the 7th IGDD conference (*Dialektologie des Deutschen*, Salzburg, AT)
- 2022: Talk with F. Torres-Tamarit at the 31st Colloquium on Generative Grammar (Palma, Balearic Islands, ES)
- 2022: Talk with B. Alber at the conference *Deutsche Sprachminderheiten weltweit kontrastiv* (Bamberg, DE)
- 2022: Talk at the 19th Old World Conference on Phonology (Donostia, Basque Country, ES)
- 2021: Two talks (one with B. Alber and S. Arndt-Lappe) at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (Athens, GR)
- 2021: Talk at the 12th International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics (Oslo, NO)
- 2021: Talk at the 28th Manchester Phonology Meeting (Manchester, UK)
- 2020: Poster presented at the 34th Going Romance Conference (Paris, FR)
- 2020: Poster presented at the LOT Winter School (Tilburg, NL)
- 2019: Poster presented at the 27th Manchester Phonology Meeting (Manchester, UK)
- 2018: Talk with B. Alber and S. Rabanus at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (Tallinn, EE)
- 2018: Poster presented at the 14th Conference of the *Associazione Italiana Scienze della Voce* (Bozen/Bolzano, IT)
- 2017: Poster presented at the 25th Manchester Phonology Meeting (Manchester, UK)

Invited talks

- 2023: Invited speaker at three lectures of the [lecture series *Discovering Linguistics - Linguistic Discoveries*](#) (Ghent University, BE)
- 2021: Invited speaker at the unibz *Seminario Laureandi*, with the title *Language contact dynamics in VeneTrenTyrol reflected in the acoustic realisation of sibilants: A phonetic DCT analysis*
- 2021: Keynote speaker at the [Ph.D. Conference of the University of Verona](#) on “Margins and Forgotten Places”, with the title *When your words are from the minority but your tongue is from the majority: Changes in the sibilant inventories of Veneto and Trentino minority languages*
- 2020: Talk at the 4th Meeting of the [SOciety for Typological Analysis \(SOTA\)](#), Eckerd College (FL, United States of America), titled *The Typology of Sibilants: Sibilant fricative and affricate inventories in Optimality Theory*
- 2019: Talk at the 3rd Meeting of the [SOciety for Typological Analysis \(SOTA\)](#), University of Verona (Italy), titled *Sibilant Inventories at the Crossroads between Faithfulness, Markedness and Stringency*
- 2018: [Talk at the Arctic University of Norway \(UiT\)](#), titled *The Typology of Morphosyntactic Alignment: A Learnability Experiment and OT Analysis*

Organisation of linguistics conferences

- Co-organiser of the [16th Old World Conference on Phonology \(OCP XVI\)](#)
16-18 January 2019 | Verona (Italy)
 - Creating and managing the website of the event
 - Responsible e.g. for budget projections, visual design and technical support
 - Reviewing abstracts
 - Chair of an invited speaker session

Participation in international research grants

- [submitted for approval] Co-investigator in subproject 2 of the GIAVA project (*La gramática y sus interfaces: arquitectura, variación y aplicaciones/Grammar and its interfaces: architecture, variation and applications*).
2025 - 2028 | Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain)
 - Principal investigator: Francesc Torres-Tamarit
 - Co-investigator: Joan Mascaró
 - Subproject title: *La interacción entre la fonología y los procesos de derivación y flexión en las lenguas románicas: retos actuales para las teorías de la interfaz morfología-fonología (The interaction between phonology and derivation/flexion processes in Romance languages: current challenges for morphology-phonology interface theories)*
- [soon to be submitted for approval] External member of a DFG (*Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft*) project lead by Sabine Arndt-Lappe (Uni. Trier) & Birgit Alber (unibz) on the morphological structure of blends.

Teaching activities

Current average professor's score: 8.3/10 (101 evaluations total)

- 2024: [Comparative Linguistics \(Vergleichende Sprachwissenschaft/Linguistica comparata\)](#) for school teachers in German, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (20 hours)
- 2024: [First-Language Acquisition and Teaching \(Lab.\)](#) for the German section, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (20 hours)
- 2022-2024: [German Linguistics](#) course for the Ladin section, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (3x10 hours)
- 2022, 2024: [German Linguistics \(Lab.\)](#) for the German section, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (3x20 hours)

Supervision of theses

- 2023–: Supervision of 1 Master's thesis at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (forthcoming)

Miscellaneous

- Volunteer work: PoS-tagging in the [Corpus of Historical Low German \(CHLG\)](#)
3-14 April 2017 | Ghent (Belgium)
Contributing to a PoS-tagged corpus of historical Low German texts under the supervision of [Anne Breitbarth](#). Software used for PoS-tagging: [CorA](#).
- Student job: [Fraunhofer-Institut für Produktionstechnik und Automatisierung \(IPA\)](#)
1-31 August 2016 | Stuttgart (Germany)
Creating a web interface mapping the Stuttgart buildings and offices of the Institute, allowing to simulate possible relocation options and to perform calculations based on these scenarios. Made in HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Ajax and Javascript.
- Student job: Contribution to the [ConverGENTiecorpus](#)
February - May 2015 | Ghent (Belgium)
Contributing to a written language PoS-tagged corpus containing 7 languages. Reviewing, formatting and editing the German and French texts of the corpus.
- Volunteer work: [Belgian Red Cross](#)
December 2015 - April 2016 | Brussels (Belgium)
Teaching French, Dutch and German to refugees residing in the WTC Tower.

Skills

Programming and computer skills

- Web design and web programming (creating websites with [HTML](#), [CSS](#), [PHP](#), [SQL](#), [Ajax](#) and [Javascript](#)). Examples of achievements:
 - Creating a web interface for Fraunhofer-IPA Stuttgart (see [Experience](#))
 - Creating the website [Linguistics in Verona](#) in PHP and the website [OCP XVI](#) in Wordpress for the University of Verona
- [PRAAT](#): advanced use of the software and user interface, scripting and experimental design. Examples of achievements:
 - Programming user-friendly perception experiments in the *demo* window
 - Detecting and automatically extracting speech segments in audio data
 - Programming buttons and menus inside Praat to perform recurrent tasks
 - Creating games runnable in the *demo* window (e.g. DJPraat, Probability Game)
- Basic knowledge of Python, VBA, regular expressions and Excel formulas
- Able to use [OTWorkplace](#) (software for the analysis of OT typologies), to write macros, regular expressions and custom functions for candidate evaluation
- Text editing (presentations, articles, dissertation) in [L^AT_EX](#)
- Able to use statistical and mathematical methods applied to linguistics (e.g. correlations, *t*-tests, ANOVA, LMM; [R \(software\)](#), [JASP \(software\)](#))

Distinctions and awards

- [Ailie Donald Scholarship](#) (declined in order to accept the Ph.D. position at the University of Verona)

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