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Current Research and Research Interests

Currently, I am working on my PhD thesis in English linguistics with Prof. Dr. Olaf Jäkel as my advisor. In my PhD project, I am analyzing academic discourse and the role of metaphor in the communication of knowledge. The investigation is exploratory and involves the analysis of 27 lectures filmed at an American college in the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Philosophy and Psychology. The analysis combines the Cognitive Metaphor Theory and Discourse Analysis.

The Cognitive Metaphor Theory constitutes one of my primary research interests. Before I began working on my PhD project, I investigated emotion metaphors in expert-lay-communication ([link](#)). The psychological and linguistic aspects of emotions are also part of my general research interests. Furthermore, I am interested in metaphor in general (outside the Cognitive Metaphor Theory), Discourse Analysis, Language Acquisition and (the Teaching of) English as a Foreign Language.

Other Academic Activities

Nov 28-19, 2014	Co-organizer of the Workshop for PhD students of English: Linguistics, Applied Linguistics & Literature
Oct 18-19, 2013	Co-organizer of the workshop Science and Metaphor at Flensburg University
Jan 21-25, 2013	Participation in and presentation at the <i>VU Metaphor Lab Winter School 2013: The Next Level</i> , Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL
Sept 26-28, 2012	Visiting scholar at the <i>Metaphor Lab</i> , VU Amsterdam, NL
Since Sept 2012	Co-editor of the international journal metaphorik.de
June 4-7, 2012	Participation in the <i>VU Metaphor Lab Summer School: Metaphor Identification and Analysis</i> , Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL

International Collaborations

since 09/2012	with Gudrun Reijniers (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL): project <i>(Deliberate) Metaphor in Academic Discourse</i> .
since 08/2012	with Tom H. Smith (independent researcher, Boulder, CO, USA): Edited Volume <i>Making Science Accessible: Metaphor guiding the conduct of science, science education and popularization</i> .
since 06/2012	with the <i>Metaphor Lab</i> at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL: regular visits as a Visiting Scholar to investigate the role of <i>(deliberate) metaphors in the communication of knowledge in higher education</i> under the supervision of Gerard Steen.
11/2012-2014	with Svetlana Mishlanova & Kate Isaeva (Perm State University, Russland): project <i>Webinar</i> (online seminars on the internet via video-conference): <i>Metaphor in Discourse</i> .

Grants

Travel Grant to attend and present at the 2013 Metaphor Festival in Stockholm, Sweden, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), August 2013.

Travel Grant to attend and present at the Corpus Linguistics 2011 conference, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), July 2011.

University Stipend for Ph.D students, Flensburg University, 07/2010 - 04/2012.

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