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## #26 | Christmas...same old but different

Dear all,

Another year is coming to an end. We would have preferred to close it with a suitable saying full of atmosphere, such as „All's well that ends well“. An end of the year when everything seems to be hopeful; often a platitude but one everyone's expecting. Once again, not this year.

The end of the year usually is a time to reflect, a time to express acknowledgements, looking back at achievements, and anticipating new objectives. Despite challenging times, the CRC has successfully completed the first year of its second funding period. The CRC has welcomed new staff members, and had to say goodbye to others. The two final goodbyes of 2021 will be to two persons who have shaped the CRC for years: Klaus von Heusinger and Ana-Laura Lemke. Klaus has been instrumental in the formation of an Emerging Group which ultimately led to the CRC in 2017, and successfully served as its speaker for the past years. Ana-Laura considerably shaped the CRC's administration, and had an ongoing bond to the University's research department and central administration.

More than ever, the importance of science and the trust in research have become increasingly significant. We are looking forward not only to keep up our research and work, but also to move forward and evolve; to co-work with others not only virtually but again in person. We are eager to share results and insights from our work. We are keen to follow up on colleague's work while catching up at conferences and venues around the world. We like to see our minds as without borders. We consider research and knowledge gains limitless. The virtual world – that we have come to know in all its shades – is borderless. And yet, as much as we appreciate this new form of flexibility, it diminishes our personal relationships. We miss the warmth and liveliness that we are only able to experience with in person contact.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season amidst these challenging times! Stay safe out there! Health is the greatest gift of all. Not all is well at the end of this year. We do hope all will end well eventually. We look forward to a more 'personal' 2022! 🌲 ✨ ✨

Best wishes,  
Britt Krukau

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## Thank you, Klaus!

With the end of the year, Klaus von Heusinger is passing the baton to Petra Schumacher. Klaus has been instrumental in the formation of the Emerging Group “Dynamic Structuring in



Language and Communication" (2014-2018) which ultimately led to the CRC „Prominence in Language" in 2017. Since then he has served as speaker and shaped the CRC in its organization and thematic scope. Klaus has been a motivator and source of inspiration. He has developed the theme of our CRC in important ways, has asked critical questions and highlighted vital connections across areas. He has always had a positive and enthusiastic attitude – and sometimes he developed surprising cheerleading capacities. (Many of us remember his attempt of entertaining us with a dream of his wife while we were waiting for the review panel to arrive.) A huge thank you to Klaus for the many years of commitment to the CRC and for his vision for the language sciences in Cologne! Lucky us, he “only” steps down as speaker and remains active in his research projects and in various responsibilities as member of the board.

## Getting to know...



### Cornelia Ehlen-Stein (Z)

**1. When I think of the CRC, I think of...**

A network of warm and welcoming scientists, who pursue their research with curiosity and passion.

**2. The thing I look forward to most when returning to the office is...**

A beehive atmosphere in a positive sense; being able to work again in a stimulatory environment, as currently the situation is so different.

**3. This is my favorite word/expression, and here's why:**

As I am not a linguist, I might not have an appropriate word or phrase to name. However, currently things are extremely busy, therefore my favorite expression at this moment is "done".



### Britt Krukau (Z)

**1. When I think of the CRC, I think of...**

A stimulating work environment with lots of new insights and things to learn.

**2. The things I look forward to most when returning to the office are...**

"Flur-Gespräche": random chats and conversations with colleagues while running into each other at the office.

**3. This is my favorite word/expression, and here's why:**

I chose the word "Phantasie", which is in line with one of my favorite quotes: "Phantasie ist wichtiger als Wissen, denn Wissen ist begrenzt" (Albert Einstein). Imagination is something we all collectively share, and at the same time it is something highly individual. What I like about it in particular is that there is no rule or maximum on what imagination can entail. To me, it reflects our minds, represents a reaction and feedback and creativity without limits.



## Andreas Trotzke (Professoral Substitute)

Andreas Trotzke, who is known for his work and expertise in General and German Linguistics, is an apl. Professor at the University of Konstanz and currently a visiting professor at the CRC 1252 "Prominence in Language".

Andreas has published widely on the syntax-pragmatics interface. He also has a passion for pedagogical linguistics and is currently the spokesperson of the DGfS-Lehramtsinitiative (the initiative for linguistics in language education). He held several visiting scholarships abroad, including research stays at Stanford, the Université Sorbonne Paris Cité and the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. For more information, please visit his [website](#).

We are delighted that he has joined us for three semesters at our CRC in Cologne!

## Staff news



Ana-Laura Lemke, who has worked as coordinator for the CRC for the last 5 years, has taken on a new challenge and will now independently develop her own project for the onboarding of junior professors at the University of Cologne. We would like to thank her very much for her never ending commitment to the CRC. She has been part of the CRC since the beginning of Phase I and she has crucially contributed to the success at many levels. One of her special skills is to present the complexity of the CRC's financial structure in such a way that everything actually looks quite simple (but it's not). Another outstanding skill of hers is to bring together the different people and groups of the CRC at all times, especially in the last two years of distance, and to help form them into a group - with her enthusiasm, her surprising ideas and her high empathy for the psychology of scientists. To put it in one word: she has continuously brought color into the CRC. We wish her the same drive and energy, many good ideas and the corresponding success in her new position.

Yulia Esaulova (Postdoc B06) has left the CRC at the end of September. We wish you all the best, Yulia! 🙌



Sara Meuser (PhD C05) and Alice Mitchell (PI B02) returned from maternity leave! Welcome back! 😊



### Simon Roessig (Postdoc A04)

We have double good news to announce about Simon Roessig. On the one hand, he was awarded the [Offermann-Hergarten Prize](#) of the University of Cologne for his dissertation on 'Categoricity and continuity in prosodic prominence'!

And on the other hand, Simon received a Walter Benjamin fellowship of the German Research Foundation to join the Department of Linguistics at Cornell University (USA) for two years. Starting from summer 2022, he will be working on his research project investigating prosodic prominence relations from a task dynamics perspective in collaboration with Professor Sam Tilsen. Congratulations, Simon! We're happy for you 🎉

### Defensio - Semra Kizilkaya



On November 30, Semra Kizilkaya (B04), a doctoral student of Klaus von Heusinger, successfully defended her dissertation titled "Marking changes. Affectedness at the (morpho-)syntax-semantics interface". Just as the dissertation, it was an excellent discussion! Semra's dissertation made a whole new contribution to affectedness and the structure of DOM in Turkish. Congratulations, Semra! 🎉



## Call for Fellowships 2022

As you may have heard, we have opened applications for Junior (3-6 months) and Senior (1-3 months) short-term fellowships available in 2022. The application deadline is January 25. If you know anyone who might be interested, please forward the call to them. 🙏

[Link to full call here](#)

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Project Z is still looking for a student assistant with focus on IT-support so that we can also help with IT-related inquiries. If you know anyone who might be interested, please forward the job advertisement to them. 💻

[Link to all vacancies here](#)

## Overview of Guests 🧑

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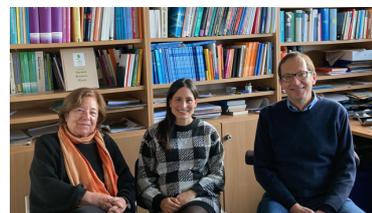
PhD Candidate

**Duration:** November -  
December 2021

**Contact:** Petra Schumacher

### Prof. Dr. Jaklin Kornfilt

November 15-19, Prof. Dr. Jaklin Kornfilt from Syracuse University was a guest in Project B04. She is one of the most renowned linguists in the field of Turkish linguistics. Together with Klaus von Heusinger's team, she spent a week discussing the topics of embedding, Differential Object Marking, discourse, syntax of Turkish, and bare nouns in Turkish.



## Past Workshops, Lectures and Presentations

- The Department of Linguistics organized a workshop on *Conversational Priming in Language Change* which took place December 3-4.
- On December 13, Jesse Harris held a lecture in the *CCLS Lecture Series* on *Perspective management and de lingua commitments in transparent free relatives*. After the lecture, all members of the CRC had the opportunity to present their work with Jesse and/or ask him further questions about his research.
- On November 3, Derya Cokal (C04) spoke in the *LAK* about *What do plural pronouns tell us about disagreements? Profiling schizophrenia and emotional neglect linguistically*
- Also in the *LAK*, on December 8, Heiko Seeliger (A06) gave a talk titled *And the winner is... How to make com-promises between illocution, information structure and prosodic requirements for accent placement*

## DOM in Catalan and Romance and Language Contact



On November 4-5, the online workshop on *DOM in Catalan and Romance and Language Contact*, organized by Anna Pineda (Sorbonne Université, Humboldt fellow in project B04) in collaboration with Marco García García and Klaus von Heusinger took place. The event was a great success and it provided the opportunity to gather many international scholars experts on DOM, who vividly participated in it and were engaged in fruitful discussions on the topic and presentations.

Annotation is fun! 😊👩👨

Area C has had regular annotation meetings in the past months. In their latest meeting, Magdalena Repp (C07) and Fafa Same (INF) shared some hands-on experience with annotating texts in



WebAnno and analyzing the annotations in R. The title of their presentation was “Annotation is fun”. They are now moving to an on-demand format. That is if there is a need for discussion of annotation-related questions, send an email to Petra or Magdalena (C07) and they’ll arrange the next meeting.



## Review R Stats Group

Here comes a brief review of the R Stats Group meetings held on October 27 and November 10.

On October 27, the participants of the meeting first talked about populations and different types of samples on a theoretical level. Then they looked at how (simple) random samples behave using simulations in R, which helped them to develop an understanding of how parameters derived from random samples (of different size) vary from a respective population parameter. If you are interested in the session, you can access the recording, slides and R scripts [here](#).

On November 10, the participants continued to talk about the variation of random samples towards a point where they could make probability statements using the sampling distribution which lead them to understand null hypothesis significance tests. If you are interested in the session, you can access the recording and R scripts [here](#).



## AvH Netzwerktagung

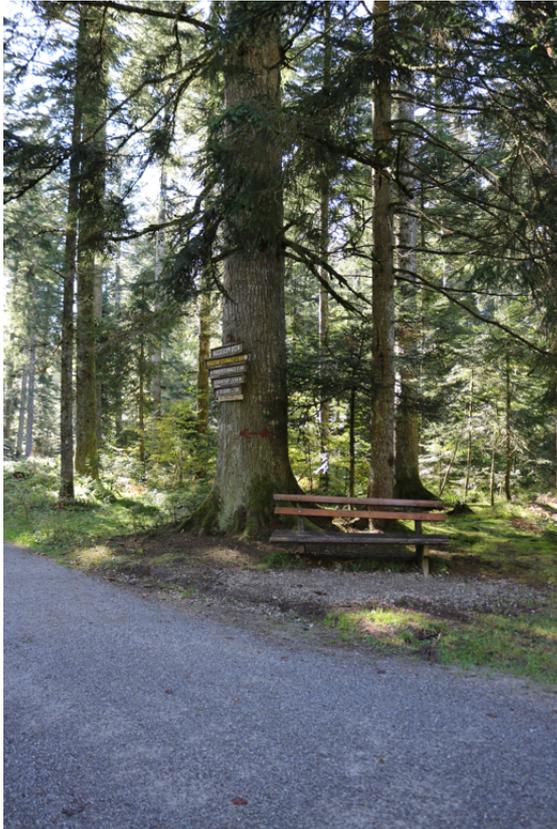
On November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the visit to the institute of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's network meeting took place in the Neuer Senatssaal. Around 15 international fellows were guests in Cologne. The coordination of the visit to the institute was taken over by Prof. Dr. Klaus von Heusinger, who presented together with Prof. Dr. Monika Schausten and Prof. Dr. Nicolas Pethes the main research areas at the IDSL 1: linguistics, ÄDL (Ältere deutsche Sprache und Literatur) as well as NDL (Neuere deutsche Literaturwissenschaft).

## Z Retreat

In mid-October, Team Z had the pleasure to come together for a team retreat in Freudenstadt - a picturesque city in Germany's beautiful



Black Forest. The core of that meeting was a workshop to realign tasks, responsibilities and roles, and to set up the foundation for a fresh start as a team. Since Team Z had welcomed new members, it was also a great opportunity to get to know each other in person. Walks and talks in the autumnal black forest proved a beautiful way to do that. Alongside the working part, the retreat was accompanied by hikes in the outdoors and a guided tour of the city.



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Save the Date! 

- **January 10, 2022:** [CCLS Lecture Series](#) - Jason Bishop (City University of New York) will give a talk on *What can individual differences teach us about prosody's role in language and language processing?*
- **January 19, 2022:** [LAK](#) – Umesh Patil (C07): *Computational cognitive model of pronoun resolution*
- **January 25, 2022:** [LAK](#) – Timo Buchholz (C04): *Intonation between phrasing and accent: Spanish and Quechua in Huari (Peru)*
- **February 8, 2022:** Mini-Klausurtagung CRC



## Call for Papers: 3rd International Conference *Prominence in Language* 2022 (ICPL III)

The call for abstracts is now out for our 3rd International Conference on *Prominence in Language* taking place in Cologne in June 2022. Submissions are welcome until January 31, 2022.

Please forward this call to anyone who might be interested.

[Click here to read the full call](#)



## BecauseLanguage Podcast

Martine Grice (A01, A02 & C09) and Bodo Winter (Mercator Fellow) were guests in the BecauseLanguage Podcast. They spoke about the Replicability Crisis in Linguistics following their article in the journal *Linguistics*. You can listen to the episode and find the transcript [here](#).



## Papers on Prominence

As you might have heard, we upload Bachelor and Master theses, which are produced within the CRC or are related to topics covered within the CRC, to KUPS (Kölner UniversitätsPublikationsServer) so that these works can be archived. This allows authors and/or projects to cite the theses (including a DOI). Our account in KUPS is called PoP (Papers on Prominence).

If you know of any theses that were produced within the CRC or which are related to topics covered within the CRC, that we haven't already uploaded in KUPS, please let the Helpdesk know.

You can find all theses that we have uploaded so far [here](#).

## Recent publications

- Caro Reina, Javier, Marco García García & Klaus von Heusinger. 2021. Differential Object Marking in Cuban Spanish. In Johannes Kabatek, Philipp Obrist & Albert Wall (eds.), *Differential Object Marking in Romance - The third wave (Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für Romanische Philologie)*, 339–368. Berlin: De Gruyter. [pdf](#) | B04
- Cassarà, Alessia & Sophie Mürmann. 2021. Role semantic parameters for Differential Object Marking in Italian. In Johannes Kabatek, Philipp Obrist & Albert Wall (eds.), *Differential Object Marking in Romance - The third wave (Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für Romanische Philologie)*, 65–102. Berlin: De Gruyter. [pdf](#) | B04, C01
- Egetenmeyer, Jakob. 2021. Time updating uses of the French imparfait extending across genres. In Laura Baranzini & Louis de Saussure (eds.), *Aspects of tenses, modality, and evidentiality (= Cahiers Chronos; 31)*, 56–77. Leiden/Boston: Brill. | C02
- Gianollo, Chiara, Klaus von Heusinger & Maria Napoli (eds.). 2022. *Determiners and quantifiers: functions, variation, and change*. Leiden: Brill. | C04
- Gianollo, Chiara, Klaus von Heusinger & Maria Napoli. 2022. Reference and quantification in nominal phrases: the current landscape and the way ahead. In Chiara Gianollo, Klaus von Heusinger & Maria Napoli (eds.), *Determiners and quantifiers: functions, variation, and change*, 1–28. Leiden: Brill. [pdf](#) | C04
- von Heusinger, Klaus & Jaklin Kornfilt. 2022. Turkish partitive constructions and (non-)exhaustivity. In Giuliana Giusti & Petra Sleeman (eds.), *Partitive determiners, partitive pronouns and partitive case*, 263–294. Berlin: De Gruyter. [pdf](#) | B04
- Lucarini, Valeria, Francesco Cangemi, Benyamin Daniel, Jacopo Lucchese, Francesca Paraboschi, Chiara Cattani, Carlo Marchesi, Martine Grice, Kai Vogeley & Matteo Tonna. 2021. [Conversational metrics, psychopathological dimensions and self-disturbances in patients with schizophrenia](#). *European Archives of Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience*. | A02
- Riesberg, Sonja, Kurt Malcher & Nikolaus P. Himmelmann. 2021. The many ways of transitivization in Totoli. In Silvia Luraghi & Elisa Roma (eds.), *Valency over time: Diachronic perspectives on valency patterns and valency orientation*, 235–264. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton. | B05
- Romero Heredero, Diego. 2021. Telicity and Differential Object Marking in the history of Spanish. In Johannes Kabatek, Philipp Obrist & Albert Wall (eds.), *Differential Object Marking in Romance - The third wave (Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für Romanische Philologie)*, 315–338. Berlin: De Gruyter. [pdf](#) | B04
- Schlenter, Judith, Yulia Esaulova, Barbara Zeyer & Martina Penke. 2021. [Effects of agent position and orientation on perception and production](#). In *Proceedings of ExLing 2021: 12th International Conference of Experimental Linguistics, 11-13 October*, 213–216. Athens, Greece. | B06
- Tigău, Alina & Klaus von Heusinger. 2021. Dative clitics in Romanian ditransitives. In Alexandru Nicolae & Adina Dragomirescu (eds.), *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2017: Selected papers from 'Going Romance' 31*, Bucharest, 335–355. Amsterdam: Benjamins. | B04

**Anything new coming up?** If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop us a line at: [ewindbe1@uni-koeln.de](mailto:ewindbe1@uni-koeln.de) (Eva Windbergs) or [bkrukau1@uni-koeln.de](mailto:bkrukau1@uni-koeln.de) (Britt Krukau).

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