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**Currently Assistant Professor of Linguistics at the University of Grenoble.**

### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

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- 2004-2008 **PhD in General Linguistics, with high distinction.** “[written in French] *Systems dynamics and functional motivations in Path coding. A typological description of Homeric Greek and Old English*”. Advisor: Colette Grinevald. Laboratory “Dynamique du Langage” (CNRS – University of Lyon 2).
- 2003-2004 **D.E.A. (US M.A., year 2/2) in General Linguistics, with honors.** “[written in French] *The expression of space in Turkish: a functional-typological approach*”. Advisor: Colette Grinevald. Laboratory “Dynamique du Langage” (CNRS – University of Lyon 2).
- 2002-2003 **D.E.A. (US M.A., year 2/2) in English Linguistics, with honors.** “[written in French] *Expression and metaphorization of efference in satellite-framed Indo-European languages. A descriptive and synchronic study. Typological and diachronical perspectives*”. Advisor: Pierre Cotte (University of Paris 4 - Sorbonne).
- 2001-2002 **Maîtrise (US M.A., year 1/2) in English Linguistics, with honors.** “*Prepositions in English: a comparative analysis of their semantic evolution from Indo-European to contemporary English*”. Advisor: Bernard de Giorgi (University of Provence).
- 1998-2001 **Licence (US B.A.) in English Linguistics, Literature and Civilization.** University of Provence.

## **DISTINCTIONS**

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- ⤴ 2005-2007 – **Teaching Assistantship (GTF Program)** from the University of Lyon 2, Linguistics Department.
- ⤴ 2004-2007 – **Doctoral Fellowship** from the French Ministry of National Education and Research.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- ⤴ Linguistic expression and coding strategies of space in language typology; satellites and adpositions.
- ⤴ Dynamics of competition and functional motivations in the emergence and decline of constructions (competing motivations).
- ⤴ Conceptual and linguistic asymmetry between Source and Goal in languages.
- ⤴ Grammaticalization processes.
- ⤴ Morphosyntax and syntactic systems.
- ⤴ Functional-typological linguistics.
- ⤴ Cognitive linguistics.

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

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- Since 2009 **Assistant Professor of Linguistics**, University of Grenoble.  
2011/2012 Classes:  
*Undergraduate:*     *Introduction to Syntax.*  
                              *Syntactic Units: Verbs.*  
                              *Language Diversity and Variation*  
                              *Morphophonology*  
                              *Morphosyntax and Typology*  
*Graduate:*            *Methodology in Language Sciences*  
                              *Typological linguistics and Languages of the World*
- 2007-2008 **A.T.E.R. (full-time Instructor)**, 6-month position, University of Provence.  
Undergraduate Classes:     *Introduction to Language Sciences.*  
                                      *Morphosyntax and typology.*
- 2005-2007 **Moniteur (Teaching Assistant, GTF)**, University of Lyon 2.  
Undergraduate Classes:     *General Linguistics, Phonetics and Phonology.*  
                                      [taught in English] *Linguistic Sciences in English*
- 2004-2005 **Vacataire (Instructor)**, University of Lyon 2.  
Undergraduate Classes:     *Phonetics and Phonology*  
                                      *Morphology*

## **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- ▲ **2010 – Senior Fellowship** (2 weeks), TOPOI Project, University Humboldt of Berlin.
- ▲ **2007 – Visiting Scholar** (3 months) in the Linguistics Department of the University of Oregon, in Eugene. Sponsor: Scott deLancey.
- ▲ **2006 – Visiting Scholar** (3 months) in the Linguistics Department of the University of Oregon, in Eugene. Sponsor: Scott deLancey.
- ▲ **19-29 March 2006 – Leipzig Spring School on Linguistic Diversity**, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.

## **SCIENTIFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

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**Since 2010 Creation and coordination of the Typology & Description Workshop** (<http://www.carolineimbert.com/AtelierT&D.html>; Lidilem Laboratory, University of Grenoble), with Isabelle Rousset.

**Since 2010 Participation to the collaboration between the “TRAJECTORY” Project and the “TOPOI” Project** (<http://www.topoi.org> ; Freie Universität & Humboldt Universität).

**Since 2005 Active member of the “TRAJECTORY” research program** (CNRS – Research Federation for Typology and Linguistic Universals (TUL), Research Program #2.1; <http://www.ddl.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/trajecoire>). Coordinated by Colette Grinevald (CNRS University of Lyon 2), Jean-Michel Fortis (CNRS – University of Paris 7), Anetta Kopecka (CNRS – University of Lyon 2) and Alice Vitrant (CNRS – University of Provence).

**Wesmaster of the TRAJECTORY Project.** Creation and maintenance of the Project’s website, restricted access and mailing lists administration.

**In charge of the TRAJECTORY Project Library.** Administration and management of paper and electronic documents. Bibliography, creation of electronic resources and individual Endnote classes.

**Scientific coordinator of the “Adnominals” research group of the TRAJECTORY Project** with Cristiana Papahagi (University of Cluj, Romania).

**Scientific coordinator of the “Diachrony” research group of the TRAJECTORY Project** with Benjamin Fagard (LATTICE, University of Paris 3).

**Participation in the creation of an Applied Linguistics axis**, which would consist of proposing a typological and comparative approach as a productive methodological approach for *language and linguistics teaching*.

**2004-2009 Member of the *Description, Categorization and Typology Research Program*** (Laboratory “Dynamique du Langage”, CNRS – University Lyon 2), coordinated

by Antoine Guillaume, Colette Grinevald and Françoise Rose (CNRS/Lyon 2). Objectives: To propose a frame for the description, categorization and typology of languages in all the domains of linguistic study, especially grammaticalization and the expression of voice and person indexation and of Trajectory.

**2007 Creation and teaching of a new experimental Methodology class** with Lise Herzhaft (URFIST, University of Lyon 1): "*Electronic documentary resources in linguistics*" (URFIST class at the ENS-LSH of Lyon). Objectives: To propose and teach the systematic use of international electronic resources to French students, PhD students and academics.

**Summer 2005 Participation in the summer session of the *Institute of Ancient Languages*** of the ENS-LSH of Lyon, June 30th to July 8th 2005.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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in prep. (ed.) (co-editor: Nathalie Vallée) "Current trends in functional typology: For a 'typological description' of languages". Thematic Issue of *Lidil*, 2012:2.

in press "Path: Ways typology has walked through it". *Language and Linguistics Compass*. Blackwell-Wiley.

in press (co-authors : Grinevald, C. & Söres, A.) "Pour une catégorie de 'satellite' de Trajectoire dans une approche fonctionnelle-typologique". *Cahiers de Faits de Langues*.

2010 "Multiple preverbatation in Homeric Greek: A typological insight". In "Unison in multiplicity: Cognitive and typological perspectives on grammar and lexis". *CogniTextes*, Vol. 4:2010. [<http://cognitextes.revues.org/387>].

2008 *Path coding in Old English: functional story of a typological shift*. In Amano, M., Ogura, M. & Ohkado, M. (eds), *Historical Englishes in Varieties of Texts and Contexts*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.

2003 Imbert, C. & Vernhes, J.-V. "Le préfixe méconnu *u-* (<\**ud*) et son correspondant anglais *out*". In *O Lukhnos : 2003/2*, University of Provence, pp. 21-25.

## **CONFERENCES**

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2011 (co-author: Grinevald, C.) "Elements for a multi-layer definition of 'Satellites'". *Pre-AFLiCo IV Trajectory Workshop*. Lyon, 23 May 2011.

2010 "Competing motivations in Path-coding systems: A case study from an ancient language". *Conference on Competing Motivations*, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, 23-25 November 2010.

- "Parler d'espace : Diversité des langues et Typologie". *Séminaire GIPSA-Lab, Axe Parole et Cognition*. Grenoble, 30 September 2010.
- "About satellites, applicatives and adpositions in Path coding: a gradience-of-categories perspective". *Syntax of the World's Languages IV (SWL4)*, Lyon, 23-26 September 2010.
- 2009 "What adpositions do that satellites cannot. Semantic and conceptual constraints on Path-coding categories", *Space in Language Conference*, Pisa, 8-10 October 2009.
- "Affix-order constraints in Path coding: About satellites, adpositions and the gradience of categories". *Association for Linguistic Typology - 8th Biennial Meeting (ALT 8)*. Berkeley, 23-26 July 2009.
- "Multiple preverbatation in Homeric Greek: What Chibchan Rama has to say". Invited Talk in the *Excellence Cluster TOPOI, Research Area C-I-1*, Humboldt-University, Berlin, 23 June 2009.
- 2008 "Systems dynamics and functional motivations in Path coding. Typological description of Homeric Greek and Old English". Presentation and discussion of my PhD research results. *Linguistics Colloquium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, 7 October 2008.
- "Multiple preverbatation in Homeric Greek: Affix-order constraints in Path coding". *Berkeley Workshop on Affix Ordering*, Berkeley, 4 October 2008.
- "Systems emergence and decline: Source vs. Goal asymmetry in Old English post-verbal particles", *International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL 2008)*, Munich, 24-30 August 2008.
- (co-author: Grinevald, C.) "Twenty years of relational preverbs: a grammaticalization account", *New Reflections on Grammaticalization 4 (NRG4)*, Leuven, 16-19 July 2008.
- 2007 "Path coding and Relational Preverbs in Homeric Greek. A Native American story", *Association for Linguistic Typology - 7th Biennial Meeting (ALT VII)*, Paris, 25-28 September 2007.
- "Le puzzle catégoriel des adpositions en grec homérique : La solution typologique", *Conférence internationale CRISCO "Autour de la Préposition (position, valeurs, statut et catégories apparentées à travers les langues)"*, University of Caen, 20-22 September 2007.
- "The puzzle of Path coding in Old English: functional story of a typological shift", *The Society of Historical English Language and Linguistics International Conference (SHELL 2007)*, Nagoya University, Japon, 7-9 September 2007.

- "Typology meets ancient languages. Grammaticalization and Path coding in Homeric Greek", *Deuxième Colloque International de l'Association Française de Linguistique Cognitive (AFLiCo)*, University of Lille 3, 10-12 May 2007.
- "The puzzle of Path coding and pattern shift in Old English: a functional story", *Linguistics Department Colloquium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, 13 April 2007.
- 2006 "Ancient languages in a functional-typological perspective: The coding strategy(-ies) of Path in Homeric Greek", *Linguistics Department Colloquium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, 25 May 2006.
- 2005 "The Grammaticalization of relator nouns in Turkish. Turkish 'postpositions' revisited", *New Reflections on Grammaticalization 3 (NRG3)*, Santiago de Compostela, 17-21 July 2005.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- November 2008 Internship from the University of Lyon 2 in the DDL Lab (CNRS/Lyon 2). Digitalization and management of scientific publication for the **ANR Project "AALLED"** for the description, the documentation and the archiving of endangered languages.
- March 2004 - June 2004: **CNRS Internship**. Project: *Constraints on the prosodic and morphologic development*. Program from the National Institute of Mental Health (USA), Pr. Katherine Demuth, Brown University. Funded by the NSF (USA) and CNRS, for the **Language Acquisition and Cognition** Research Team of the DDL Lab.

### **SKILLS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

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- ♣ *Languages:* **French:** native.  
**English:** excellent, very fluent.
- ♣ *Computer skills:* Very good mastery of the **Windows and Mac** environments and of common softwares, as well as specialized softwares (Endnote, Toolbox). HTML and JavaScript programming. Website creation and edition; FTP protocols, internet networking. Components replacement, fault finding and repair.
- ♣ *Travels :* Canada (British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec), USA (California, Oregon, Washington State, Alaska), Japan, Republic of Ireland, Germany, Turkey, England, Scotland, The Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland.