

UTA SASSENBERG'S ACADEMIC CV

Berlin School of Mind and Brain
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: 21/04/1975
Place of birth: Bremen, Germany

EDUCATION

Formal education

- 1999 – 2002 Undergraduate degree: BSc (Hons) in Psychology (major) & Criminology
University of Lincoln, UK
Thesis title: Motion components and frames of reference in gesture and speech:
A cognitive comparison
- 2003 – 2004 Postgraduate degree: MSc in Psycholinguistics
University of Edinburgh
Thesis title: A tip-of-the-tongue study in German: Partial access to initial letter,
gender and count/mass distinction
- Since 2005 Doctoral student: Cognitive Psychology
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Dissertation project: Thinking hands: how co-speech gestures reflect cognitive
processes
Supervisor: Professor Elke van der Meer
- Since 2007 Doctoral student
Berlin School of Mind and Brain
Dissertation project: Thinking hands: how co-speech gestures reflect cognitive
processes
Mind supervisor: Professor Elke van der Meer
Brain supervisor: Professor Isabell Wartenburger

Workshops

07/2007 – 04/2008
Five 1- to 3-day Training Workshops: The Neuropsychological Gesture Classification
Instructor: Prof. Dr. med. Hedda Lausberg (German Sport University Cologne)

WORK EXPERIENCE AS VISITING SCHOLAR

- 2002 – 2003 9-month visit of the “Language and Cognition Group” (Stephen Levinson)
Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 2007 3-month visit of the “Susan Goldin-Meadow Lab”
University of Chicago, IL, USA

WORK AS RESEARCH FELLOW

Since 10/2009 *German Sport University Cologne*; Project within the Cluster of Excellence
“Languages of Emotion” at the *Free University Berlin*: Awareness of emotions:
Movement behaviour as indicator of implicit emotional processes in participants
with and without alexitymia

TEACHING

Formal teaching

- 2005/2006 Introduction to Research Skills
- Since 2006 Supervision of research projects and final theses (“Diplomarbeiten”)
- #### *Workshops*
- April 2008 Citation and reference programme “Citavi Pro“

FUNDING

- 04 & 05/2006 Doctoral stipend: *NaFÖG* (Gesetz zur Förderung des wissenschaftlichen und künstlerischen Nachwuchses)
- 06/2006 – 03/2009 Doctoral stipend: *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*
- 04 – 06/2007 Funding for research visit at the Susan Goldin-Meadow Lab, University of Chicago (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*)
- 04/2009 – 09/2009 Doctoral stipend: *Berlin School of Mind and Brain*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mechanisms and Functions of Gesture Production, Relationship of Gestures to Thinking, Individual Differences in Gesture Production, Sign Language, Relationship of Thought and Language, Spatial Language

ADDITIONAL SKILLS / INTERESTS

- Languages: German and English – fluent in speaking and writing; German Sign Language, Dutch, Spanish, French – very basic skills
- Software: Word, Excel, SPSS, Photoshop, Citavi, Presentation, PsyScope
- Hobbies: Literature, movies, painting

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