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Research Interests

Topics

Syntax and Semantics of Tense, Aspect, and Sequence of Tense; Temporal Interpretation; Language Comprehension; Human Language Processing; (Negative) Event Representation

Fields

Experimental Linguistics; (Generative/Formal Approaches to) Second Language Acquisition; Psycholinguistics; Cognitive Psychology

Methods

Acceptability/Rating Tasks; Self-paced Reading; Eye Tracking; Web-based Surveys

Current Appointment

04/2025 – Present

Postdoctoral Researcher

Language and Cognition Lab, University of Tübingen – Tübingen, DE
– Project 1 (in collaboration with Prof. B. Kaup and Dr. F. Capuano):
Linguistic vs. non-linguistic knowledge in temporal interpretation: Testing one-step and two-step models of language processing
– Project 2 (in collaboration with Prof. B. Kaup and Dr. E. Albu):
Narrow vs. wide scope of negation: Distinguishing negative events from absence of events

Education

2025

Double PhD in Linguistics¹ & in Applied Linguistics²

¹University of Groningen – Groningen, NL & ²University of Greenwich – London, GB
– Dissertation: *Aspect and temporal relations: Experimental studies on Spanish as a native and a second language*
– Supervisors: Prof. M. J. Arche, Dr. A. van Hout, Prof. J. Hoeksema, Dr. A. P. Baker-Kukona

2018

MSc in Language Science and Technology (Psycholinguistics) (Grade: 1.9)

Saarland University – Saarbrücken, DE

2015

MA in Linguistics (Grade: *Cum Laude*)

Radboud University Nijmegen – Nijmegen, NL

2013

BA in Linguistic and Cultural Mediation (Grade: *Cum Laude*)

University of Naples 'L'Orientale' – Naples, IT

Awards and Funding

- 2020 – 2022 **PhD Scholarship**, University of Groningen
- 2018 – 2020 **Vice-Chancellor Scholarship (VCS-ACH-10-17)**, University of Greenwich
- 2015 – 2017 **DAAD Study Scholarship for Graduates of All Disciplines (57139980)**, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service)
- 2015 **Travel Grant**, 6th Workshop on Speech and Language Technology in Education, International Speech Communication Association
- 2015 **Grant for a German Language Course at Carl Duisberg Training Centre**, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service)

Research Experience

- 04/2018 – 06/2025 **Doctoral Researcher**
Centre for Language and Cognition, University of Groningen & Centre for Research in Language and Heritage, University of Greenwich
- 03/2016 – 03/2018 **Student Research Assistant (Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft)**
Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 1102: Information Density and Linguistic Encoding, Saarland University
- 09/2014 – 08/2015 **Research Intern**
Centre for Language and Speech Technology, Radboud University Nijmegen

Teaching Experience

- 10/2026 – 04/2027 *Linguistic and non-linguistic cognition: Linguistic and world knowledge, embodiment, and multimodal communication*, Research seminar (Bachelor's level), University of Tübingen
- 10/2026 – 04/2027 *The psychology of language: Foundations of human language processing*, Seminar (Bachelor's level), University of Tübingen
- 04/2026 – 10/2026 *Experimental psychology 1*, Practical course (Bachelor's level), University of Tübingen
- 10/2025 – 04/2026 *Behavioural observation*, Practical course (Bachelor's level), University of Tübingen
- 10/2025 – 04/2026 *Experimental psychology 2*, Practical course (Bachelor's level), University of Tübingen
- 04/2025 – 10/2025 *Experimental psychology 1*, Practical course (Bachelor's level), University of Tübingen

Admin Experience

- 09/2021 – 06/2022 **Editorial Board Member**, 42nd TABU Dag, University of Groningen
- 10/2020 – 08/2022 **Steering Group Member**, Centre for Research in Language and Heritage (formerly Centre for Research and Enterprise in Language, CREL), University of Greenwich
- 09/2019 – 09/2021 **Student Representative**, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences Postgraduate Research Students Forum, University of Greenwich
- 09/2019 – 09/2021 **Deputy Representative**, Postgraduate Research Students – Early Career Researchers Forum, University of Greenwich
- 06/2019 **Conference Chair**, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Postgraduate Conference, University of Greenwich
- 03/2019 – 05/2020 **Co-Founder & Communication Manager**, Doctoral Society of Greenwich, University of Greenwich

Supervision

06/2022 – 12/2022	Supervisor , N. J., External assistant, University of Groningen
05/2022 – 12/2022	Supervisor , C. Z. F.-E., External assistant, University of Groningen
03/2021 – 04/2022	Daily Supervisor , D. C., Research trainee (Master's level), University of Groningen
02/2021 – 08/2021	Daily Supervisor , S. C., Research trainee (Master's level), University of Groningen
12/2020 – 07/2022	Co-supervisor , A. v. W., Master's thesis (Master's level), University of Groningen
09/2020 – 03/2021	Daily Supervisor , E. V., Research intern (Master's level), University of Groningen
09/2018 – 07/2019	Daily Supervisor , C. H., Research intern (Master's level), University of Greenwich

Peer-review Activity

2022	42 nd TABU Dag, University of Groningen
2021	30 th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 30), University of Nantes

Event Management

01/2026-03/2026	TeaP (Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psycholog*innen) 2026 (Conference), University of Tübingen
09/2021-06/2022	42 nd TABU (Taalkundig Bulletin) Dag (Conference), University of Groningen
07/2021	International Summer School on Multilingualism, University of Greenwich & University of Southampton
03-07/2021	Implementing Linguistic Experiments for Web-based Data Collection (Tutorial), University of Groningen
(cancelled) 03/2020	Doctoral Society of Greenwich Launch Event, University of Greenwich
01-06/2020	3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition, University of Greenwich
10/2019	Syntactic Symposium in Honour of Tim Stowell, University of Greenwich
10/2019	Persistent Issues in Language Analysis: The Individual/Stage-level Contrast (Conference), University of Greenwich
06/2019	School of Humanities and Social Sciences Postgraduate Conference, University of Greenwich
06/2019	Syntax of Tense Day 2 (Workshop), University of Greenwich
05/2019	Centre for Research and Enterprise in Language Launch Event, University of Greenwich
05/2018	Syntax of Tense Day 1 (Workshop), University of Greenwich

Relevant Training

2018 – 2022	Attended 6 summer/winter schools focusing on (psycho-)linguistics and experimental methods, as well as 40+ training courses/modules on topics ranging from research methods to data science and data management, research communication and dissemination, academic writing and publishing, academic teaching, professional conduct, self- and project management, professional and personal development
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Relevant Skills

Languages

Italian (native), English (C2), German (A1)

Software

jsPsych, Qualtrics, SR Research EyeLink 1000 Plus & EyeLink II, $\LaTeX$

Statistics

R, IBM SPSS

Professional Memberships

2018 – 2025 Landelijke Onderzoekschool Taalwetenschap (Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics)

Publications

Palumbo, L., van Hout, A., & Arche, M. J. (in preparation). *Complex sentences as a novel testing ground for Grammatical Aspect acquisition: More evidence for feature reassembly in L2 Spanish* [Manuscript]. University of Groningen & University of Greenwich.

Palumbo, L., van Hout, A., & Arche, M. J. (in preparation). *Further testing grounds for Grammatical Aspect acquisition: L2 Spanish learners' temporal interpretation in simple vs. complex sentences* [Manuscript]. University of Groningen & University of Greenwich.

Palumbo, L., van Hout, A., & Arche, M. J. (in preparation). *Grammatical Aspect determines temporal relations and Sequence of Tense: Experimental evidence from Spanish past-under-past constructions* [Manuscript]. University of Groningen & University of Greenwich.

Palumbo, L. (2025). *Aspect and temporal relations: Experimental studies on Spanish as a native and a second language* [Doctoral dissertation, University of Groningen & University of Greenwich]. Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics. <https://dx.medra.org/10.48273/LOT0703>

Strik, H., **Palumbo, L.**, de Wet, F., & Cucchiaroni, C. (2015). Web-based mini-games for language learning that support spoken interaction. *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Speech and Language Technology in Education*, 137–142. <http://dx.doi.org/10.21437/SLaTE.2015-24>

Conference Contributions

Palumbo, L., Albu, E., & Kaup, B. (2026, September 2–4). *Distinguishing between wide vs. narrow scope of negation* [Poster session]. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 2026), Saarbrücken, Germany.

Palumbo, L., van Hout, A., & Arche, M. J. (2026, June 24–27). *Past-under-past constructions as a litmus test for Grammatical Aspect acquisition in L2 Spanish* [Conference presentation]. 35th Annual Conference of the European Second Language Association (EuroSLA 35), Lisbon, Portugal.

Palumbo, L., Albu, E., & Kaup, B. (2026, May 7–8). *Narrow vs. wide scope of negation: Distinguishing negative events from absence of events* [Poster session]. Nothing but Negation: Young Researchers' Conference, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

Palumbo, L., van Hout, A., & Arche, M. J. (2026, April 16–18). *Aspect interpretation across simple and complex sentences: More evidence for feature reassembly in L2 Spanish* [Conference presentation]. 18th Meeting of Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA-18), Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Palumbo, L., Capuano, F., & Kaup, B. (2026, March 16–18). *Linguistic versus non-linguistic knowledge in temporal interpretation: Testing one-step and two-step models of language processing* [Poster session]. Tagung Experimentell Arbeitender Psycholog*innen (TeaP 2026), Tübingen, Germany.

Palumbo, L. (2025, December 4–5). *Reflections on aspect, temporal relations, and their acquisition in an L2* [Invited talk]. Workshop on Semantics and Acquisition of Temporal Ordering, Logical Connectives and Beyond, Groningen, The Netherlands.

Palumbo, L., Arche, M. J., & van Hout, A. (2025, September 11–13). *L2 acquisition of grammatical aspect in simple vs. complex sentences* [Poster session]. 17th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition Conference (GALA 2025), Tours, France.

Hobbelink, C., **Palumbo, L., Arche, M. J., & van Hout, A.** (2019, November 14–15). *Interpreting and producing complex temporal relations in embedded clauses: Comparing self-paced reading and elicited production in Dutch* [Conference presentation]. Processing Tense Workshop, Tübingen, Germany.

Palumbo, L. (2018, November 29–December 1). *L2 acquisition of temporal relations: Introducing the project* [Conference presentation]. 64th Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (64. StuTS), Göttingen, Germany.

Palumbo, L. (2017, November 23–26). *Are all misspellings equally noticeable? Towards a unified theory of (ortho-)graphic and phonological factors for the visual prominence of misspellings* [Conference presentation]. 62nd Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (62. StuTS), Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Strik, H., **Palumbo, L., de Wet, F., & Cucchiari, C.** (2015, September 4–5). *Web-based mini-games for language learning that support spoken interaction* [Poster session]. 6th Workshop on Speech and Language Technology in Education (SLaTE 2015), Leipzig, Germany.

Referees

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