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## Curriculum Vitae

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## 1. Education

- November 2018  
- August 2022      **PhD**, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf  
English Linguistics, grade: summa cum laude  
Dissertation: Production, perception, and comprehension of  
subphonemic detail: Word-final /s/ in English
- October 2015  
- October 2018      **Master of Arts**, University of Cologne  
Linguistics  
Thesis: Tonal Alignment and Segmental Composition in German
- October 2011  
- September 2015      **Bachelor of Arts**, University of Cologne  
Linguistics & Phonetics and Japanese Studies  
Thesis: Tonal Alignment in German – Stability and Variability

## 2. Academic Appointments

- October 2023  
-      **Postdoctoral Research Assistant**, Heinrich Heine University  
Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
DFG Project “Form and meaning in English compounds: the role of  
prosody”  
Supervision: Ingo Plag
- November 2022  
- September 2023      **Postdoctoral Research Assistant**, Heinrich Heine University  
Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
DFG Project “The semantics of derivational morphology”  
Supervision: Ingo Plag
- November 2018  
- October 2022      **Doctoral Research Assistant**, Heinrich Heine University  
Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
DFG Research Group FOR 2373 “Spoken Morphology”  
Supervision: Ingo Plag
- August 2015  
- March 2019      **Student Assistant**, Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie e.V.
- April 2017  
- September 2017      **Research Assistant**, English Linguistics, Christiane M. Bongartz, CRC  
1252, University of Cologne

### 3. Publications

#### Monographs

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2022. *Production, perception, and comprehension of subphonemic detail: Word-final /s/ in English* (Studies in Laboratory Phonology 11). Berlin: Language Science Press. doi: 10.5281/zenodo.7267830.

#### Edited Volumes

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Simon David Stein, & Viktoria Schneider. Eds. 2025. *Linguistic intersections of language and gender: Of gender bias and gender fairness*. Berlin, Boston: düsseldorf university press.

#### In Preparation / Preprints

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2024. Pronoun comprehension from a discriminative perspective: A proof of concept. In Schmitz, D., Stein, S. D., and Schneider, V. (Eds). *Linguistic intersections of language and gender: Of gender bias and gender fairness*. Berlin, Boston: düsseldorf university press.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. Instances of bias: The gendered semantics of generic masculines in German revealed by instance vectors. Preprint available on PsyArXiv. doi: 10.31234/osf.io/73k4m

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. In German, all professors are male. In Jasmin Pfeifer, Sabine Arndt-Lappe, Heidrun Dorgeloh, Gero Kunter and Christian Uffmann (eds). *INGO 6.0. The Proceedings. New empirical Insights about laNguage, presented on a Great day Out in September*. In press. Preprint available on PsyArXiv. doi: 10.31234/osf.io/yjuh.

#### Refereed Journal Articles

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Defne Cicek, Anh Kim Nguyen, & Daniel Rottleb. 2023. Cuteness modulates size sound symbolism at its extremes. *Open Linguistics* 9(1), 20220257. doi: 10.1515/opli-2022-0257

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2023. No genericity in sight: An exploration of the semantics of masculine generics in German. *Glossa Psycholinguistics* 2(1). doi: 10.5070/G6011192

Jeong, Cheonkam, Dominic **Schmitz**, Akhilesh Kakolu Ramarao, Anna Stein & Kevin Tang. 2023. Linear Discriminative Learning: a competitive non-neural baseline for morphological inflection. Proceedings of the 20th SIGMORPHON Workshop on Computational Research in Phonetics, Phonology, and Morphology. Association for Computational Linguistics. Preprint available on PsyArXiv. doi: 10.31234/osf.io/u6sv4

Coretta, Stefano, Joseph V. Casillas, ..., Dominic **Schmitz**, ..., Timo Roettger. 2023. Multidimensional signals and analytic flexibility: Estimating degrees of freedom in human speech analyses. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Sciences*. In press. Preprint available on PsyArXiv. doi: 10.31234/osf.io/q8t2k.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Dinah Baer-Henney & Ingo Plag. 2021. The duration of word-final /s/ differs across morphological categories in English: Evidence from pseudowords. *Phonetica* 78(5-6). 571-616. doi: 10.1515/phon-2021-2013.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag, Dinah Baer-Henney & Simon David Stein. 2021. Durational differences of word-final /s/ emerge from the lexicon: Modelling morpho-phonetic effects in pseudowords with linear discriminative learning. *Frontiers in Psychology*. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.680889.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Hae-Eun Cho & Henrik Niemann. 2018. Vowel shortening in German as a function of syllable structure. *Proceedings of 13. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung*. Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin, 28-29 September, 2017. doi: dx.doi.org/10.18452/18805.

## 4. Talks & Posters

### Talks

#### ▶ 2024

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2024. *A first discriminative account of the comprehension of gender star forms in German*. Perspektiven der Movierungsforschung (Gender Marking for Female Beings), Université du Luxembourg, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg. 08-10 October.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2024. *Instances of genericity: A distributional semantic approach to generic and specific masculines' semantics in German*. Konstanz Linguistics Conference, Universität Konstanz, Germany. 21-22 March.

#### ▶ 2023

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Defne Cicek, Anh Kim Nguyen & Daniel Rottleb. 2023. *In sound symbolic effects, visual dimensions interact: The case of vowel quality and cuteness*. Iconicity Seminar 2023 (IcoSem20223), online. 25 November.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2023. *A discriminative account of masculine generics and their masculine bias in German*. 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-11 August.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Defne Cicek, Anh Kim Nguyen & Daniel Rottleb. 2023. *Cuteness amplifies effects of size sound symbolism: A cute /i/ is smaller than an ugly one*. 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-11 August.

Baer-Henney, Dinah & Dominic **Schmitz**. 2023. *Learning morphology with the help of subphonemic detail?* 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-11 August.

Muschalik, Julia, Dominic **Schmitz**, Akhilesh Kakolu Ramarao & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2023. *Typing /s/ – Morphology between the keys?* 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-11 August.

Schneider, Viktoria, Dominic **Schmitz** & Ingo Plag. 2023. *Denominal and deverbal eventuality-related nominalizations from a discriminative perspective*. 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-11 August.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *He, she, they, they: A first discriminative analysis of third-person pronoun semantics*. Linguistic Intersections of Language and Gender, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 20-21 July.

Muschalik, Julia, Dominic **Schmitz**, Akhilesh Kakolu Ramarao & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2023. *Typing /s/ – Morphology between the keys?* Writing Words Workshop 2023, Universität Potsdam, Germany. 12-14 July.

Baer-Henney, Dinah & Dominic **Schmitz**. 2023. *Learning to distinguish morphological categories based on subphonemic detail?* 5th Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (PaPE), Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen, Netherlands. 2-4 June.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2023. *Die semantische Repräsentation des generischen Maskulinums*. 45. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, Universität zu Köln, Germany. 07-10 March.

► 2022

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2022. *Out of sight, out of mind: The pseudo-genericity of German role nouns*. 3rd International Twitter Conference on Linguistics – Linguistweets, Abralim: Brazilian Linguistics Association, online. 05 December.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2022. *An exploration of the underlying semantic features of masculine generics in German*. In SemantiC 2022, University of Porto, Portugal. 21-23 November.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2022. *Cuteness modulates size sound symbolism at its extremes*. Iconicity Seminar 2022 (IcoSem2022), online. 14 November.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2022. *In German, all professors are male*. INGO 6.0, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 1 September.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2022. *Evidence for a non-generic masculine generic in German*. EDLL 2022: The Second International Conference on Error-Driven Learning in Language, University of Tübingen, Germany. 1-3 August.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Dinah Baer-Henney & Ingo Plag. 2022. *Morpho-phonetic detail influences listeners' comprehension*. 13th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting, University of the Aegean, Greece. 19-22 May.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Janina Esser, Viktoria Schneider, Katharina Sternke & Natascha Rohde. 2022. *One form, two meanings: On the semantics of the specific and the generic masculine in German*. Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 2022, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA. 31 March-02 April.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Marie Engemann, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2022. *Subphonemic detail affects morphological processing*. Morphology in Production and Perception: Phonetics, Phonology and Spelling of Complex Words (MPP 2022), Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-09 February.

Engemann, Marie, Dominic **Schmitz**, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2022. *Morpho-phonetic detail can be perceived: Evidence from stems and suffixes*. Morphology in Production and Perception: Phonetics, Phonology and Spelling of Complex Words (MPP 2022), Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 07-09 February.

▶ 2021

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Marie Engemann, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2021. *Subtle morpho-phonetic differences in English stems and word-final /s/ influence listeners' comprehension*. Words in the World International Conference 2021, online. 26-27 November.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2021. *Reconsidering pseudowords in morphological research*. 5th American International Morphology Meeting (AIMM5). Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA. 26-29 August.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2021. *The duration of word-final /s/ across morphological categories in English: Evidence from pseudowords*. Interfaces of Phonetics. Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany. 18-19 May.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2021. *Modelling word-final /s/ duration in pseudowords with LDL*. Internal Workshop FOR2373 „Spoken Morphology“. Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 18-19 March.

▶ 2020

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2020. *Durational differences of homophonous suffixes emerge from the lexicon: Evidence from nonce words*. Words in the World International Conference 2020, online. 16-18 October.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2020. *The duration of word-final /s/ across morphological categories in English: Evidence from pseudowords*. 16. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Universität Trier, Germany. 10-11 September.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2020. *Subphonemic differences between different types of /s/ in English: Evidence from pseudowords*. UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Birmingham, England. 28-30 July.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2020. *How real are acoustic differences between different types of final /s/ in English? Evidence from pseudowords*. 19th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna, Austria. 6-8 February.

► 2017

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Hae-Eun Cho & Henrik Niemann. 2017. *Vowel shortening in German as a function of syllable structure*. 13. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany. 28-29 September.

## Invited Talks

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *Gender and language: Insights from psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, and computational linguistics*. Master Colloquium „Phonological & Psycholinguistic Research” by Katharina Spalek & Ruben van de Vijver, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. 20 December.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *Von Algorithmen zu Geschlechterfragen: Wie computerlinguistische Methoden die Genderlinguistik bereichern*. GAL Research School „Empirische Methoden in der Genderlinguistik“, IDS Mannheim. 13 October.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. 2022. *Generic masculines in German – Why all teachers are masculine*. Talk Series „Diversity in Linguistics” by Association for Diversity in Linguistics, online. 30 November.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2022. *In German, all professors are male*. INGO 6.0, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany. 01 September.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Viktoria Schneider & Janina Esser. (2022). *What semantic vectors tell us about the masculine generic in German*. Biased Language Technology in a Social World by Kevin Tang, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. 01 June.

## Posters

► 2024

**Schmitz**, D., & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2024. *Morphology renders homophonous segments phonetically different: Word-final /s/ in German*. Poster presented at Speech Prosody 2024 (SP2024), Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands. 02-05 July.

**Schmitz**, D., & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2024. *Subphonemic durational differences in word-final /s/ induced by morphological categories in German*. Poster presented at 19th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon), Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea. 27-29 June.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2024. *Instance vectors as a window to (non-)generic role noun semantics*. Poster presented at 46. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. 28 Feb-04 March.

► 2023

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *One form, two meanings? The semantics of generic and specific role nouns in German*. Poster presented at Words in the World International Conference 2023, online. 01-02 December.

Baer-Henney, Dinah & Dominic **Schmitz**. 2023. *Tapping into morphology with the help of subphonemic detail*. Poster presented at 19. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Universität Bern, Switzerland. 06-07 October.

Muschalik, Julia, Dominic **Schmitz**, Akhilesh Kakolu Ramarao & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2023. *Acoustic duration and typing timing – same, same... but different?* Poster presented at 19. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Universität Bern, Switzerland. 06-07 October.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *The “baby schema” in sound symbolism research: Size and cuteness interact*. Poster accepted to CogSci 2023, Sydney, Australia. 26-29 July.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *A prediction of generic they semantics*. Poster presented at LingCologne2023: Prediction in Language, Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany. 16-17 June.

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2023. *Sound symbolic interactions of cuteness and size in German long vowels*. Poster presented at 5th Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (PaPE), Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen, Netherlands. 2-4 June. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.15720.34563

Muschalik, Julia, Dominic **Schmitz**, Akhilesh Kakolu Ramarao & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2023. *Acoustic duration and typing timing – same, same... but different?* Poster presented at 5th Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (PaPE), Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen, Netherlands. 2-4 June.

► 2022

**Schmitz**, Dominic. 2022. *A ‘size meets cuteness’ relation in German vowels*. 18. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Universität Bielefeld, Germany. 6-7 October. doi: 10.11576/pundp2022-1039.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Dinah Baer-Henney & Ingo Plag. 2022. *Listeners make use of subphonemic information in comprehension*. 18. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Universität Bielefeld, Germany. 6-7 October. doi: 10.11576/pundp2022-1002.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Dinah Baer-Henney & Ingo Plag. 2022. *Morphological processing is affected by subphonemic detail*. 18th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon), online. 23-25 June. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.16023.04000.

► 2021

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Marie Engemann, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2021. *Are listeners sensitive to morpho-phonetic differences in English stems and word-final /s/?* 17. Phonetik und Phonologie Tagung, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany. 29-30 September. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.17465.29282.

**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2021. *Durational differences of word-final /s/ emerge from the lexicon: Evidence from pseudowords*. 4th Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (PaPE), Universitat Pompeu Fabra and the Universitat de Barcelona, Spain. 21-23 June. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.36280.26883.



**Schmitz**, Dominic, Ingo Plag & Dinah Baer-Henney. 2020. *What causes subphonemic differences between different types of /s/ in English? Evidence from pseudowords*. 17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. 6-8 July. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.24176.17927.

## 5. Teaching & Workshops

### As part of university curricula

- ▶ **Methods in Gender Linguistics**, Proseminar  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
Sommersemester 2024
- ▶ **Psycholinguistics**, Proseminar  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
Wintersemester 2021/2022 und Sommersemester 2023
- ▶ **Sound Symbolism**, Hauptseminar  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
Wintersemester 2022/2023
- ▶ **Phonetics**, Proseminar  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, English Language and Linguistics  
Wintersemester 2019/2020

### As part of summer schools

- ▶ **Statistics for Linguistics**  
Kurs der International Summer School „Fieldwork and Annotation“  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf  
September 2019

### Funded by quality improvement funds, outside of university curricula

- ▶ **Statistics for Linguistics**  
Universität zu Köln, Linguistik und Phonetik  
Sommersemester 2018 und Sommersemester 2019

### Workshops

- ▶ **Statistics for Linguistics**  
Workshop für Mitarbeitende  
Leibniz University Hannover, German Studies  
March/April 2023

- ▶ **Grundlagen in RMarkdown** (Basics in RMarkdown)  
Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf  
March 2023
- ▶ **Statistics for Linguistics**  
Diversität in der Linguistik e.V.  
August 2022 und August 2023
- ▶ **Grundlagen der Distributionellen Semantik** (Basics of distributional semantics)  
Diversität in der Linguistik e.V.  
March 2022
- ▶ **Statistics for Linguistics**  
Online  
August 2021
- ▶ **Statistics for Linguistics**  
Online  
University of Cologne  
March 2021  
In class  
University of Cologne  
Summer 2018 und summer 2019

## 6. Reviewing Service

### Journals

- ▶ Cognitive Processing
- ▶ Glossa Psycholinguistics
- ▶ Language and Speech
- ▶ Phonetica
- ▶ Qeios

### Conferences

- ▶ CogSci 2023 (2023)
- ▶ CogSci 2024 (2024)
- ▶ Iconicity Seminar 2023 (2023)
- ▶ 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (2023)
- ▶ LabPhon18 (2022)
- ▶ Linguistic Intersection of Language and Gender (2023)
- ▶ 2023 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (2023)
- ▶ 2024 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (2024)
- ▶ Morphology in Production and Perception (2022)

## 7. Events Organised

### In leading position

- ▶ Conference: Linguistic Intersections of Language and Gender  
July 2023, Düsseldorf
- ▶ Summer School: Forensic Linguistics Short Course  
Juli 2018, Cologne; August 2019, Cologne; August 2021, online; August 2022,  
Düsseldorf; September 2023, Düsseldorf

### In assisting position

- ▶ Conference: MPP 2022 – Morphology in production and perception  
February 2022, Düsseldorf
- ▶ Conference: dbl-Jahreskongress  
June 2018, Bielefeld; May 2019, Bielefeld

## 8. Academic Offices & Memberships

### Offices

Co-President of the Association for Diversity in Linguistics (Diversität in der Linguistik e.V.)  
2021 -

### Memberships

Cognitive Science Society, Linguistic Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft DGfS, Association for Laboratory Phonology,  
Cologne Center for Gender Studies GeStiK, International Phonetic Association IPA, Cologne  
Center for Language Sciences CCLS

## 9. Supervision

### As main examiner

- ▶ *Stereotypicality in pronoun use for German L1 speakers in L2 English*, Bachelor's  
thesis, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
- ▶ *Size sound symbolism in Spanish and Italian size adjectives*, Bachelor's thesis,  
Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
- ▶ *The Sound of our Nakama: Sound Symbolic Effects in the Designs and Personalities  
of One Piece Characters*, Bachelor's thesis, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
- ▶ *Perception of Mandarin Chinese Tonal Vowels by German Speakers in Relation to  
Sound Symbolism*, Bachelor's thesis, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf

### **As secondary examiner**

- ▶ *Use of epicene pronouns by L2 English speakers with L1 Turkish and L1 German, Bachelor's thesis, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf*