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Areas of Specialization

- Psycholinguistics
- Morphology
- L2-acquisition & L2-processing
- Interface between grammar theory and psycholinguistics
- Mental representation of grammatical categories (in the mental lexicon)

Education

07/2012 Doctorate in Linguistics/Psycholinguistics (Dr.phil.)
 Leipzig University, Germany

03/2006 Mgr. in General Linguistics & German as a Foreign Language
 Leipzig University, Germany

Employment

01/2020 – present Senior research scientist // Leipzig University

10/2019 – 12/2019 Temporary professorship „German as a foreign language“
 Herder-Institut // Leipzig University

10/2017 – 09/2019 Senior research scientist // Leipzig University

08/2012 – 09/2017 Postdoctoral researcher & teacher // Leipzig University

04/2012 – 07/2012 Research scientist // Leipzig University

04/2006 – 03/2012 Research associate // Leipzig University

Publications

- Gor, K., Bordag, D., Chrabaszczyk, A., Cook, S. V., Opitz, A., eds. (2022). *Fuzzy Lexical Representations in the Nonnative Mental Lexicon* [Research Topic, e-book]. Lausanne: Frontiers Media SA. [doi: 10.3389/978-2-83250-413-0](https://doi.org/10.3389/978-2-83250-413-0)
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- Bordag, D. & Opitz, A. (2021). Zweitspracherwerbsforschung. In C. Altmayer, K. Biebighäuser, S. Haberzettl, & A. Heine (Eds.), *Handbuch Deutsch als Fremd- und Zweitsprache*. (2nd ed., pp. 192-212). J.B. Metzler, Stuttgart. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-476-04858-5_13
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- Bordag, D., Gor, K., & Opitz, A. (2021). Ontogenesis Model of the L2 Lexical Representation. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1366728921000250>
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., Polter, M. & Meng, M. (2021). Non-native Readers Are More Sensitive to Changes in Surface Linguistic Information than Native Readers. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1366728920000772>
- Opitz, A. & Bordag, D. (2020). Word Category Conversion Revisited: The Case of Adjectives and Participles in L1 and L2 German. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11:1045. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.01045>
- Parhammer, S., Ebersberg, M., Tippman, J. Stärk, K., Opitz, A., Hinger, B. & Rossi, S. (2019). The influence of distraction on speech processing: How selective is selective attention? *Proceedings of Interspeech 2019: 20th Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association*.
- Regel, S., Opitz, A., Müller, G., & Friederici, A. (2019). Processing inflectional morphology: ERP evidence for decomposition of complex words according to the affix structure. *Cortex*, 116, 143-153. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cortex.2018.10.003>
- Richter, M. & Opitz, A. (2018). Nebensätze im Wettbewerb. Konflikte in der Position von extrapponierten Relativsätzen und Argumentsätzen. *Linguistische Berichte*, 256, Helmut Buske Verlag, 455-484.
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., Rogahn, M., & Tschirner, E. (2018). The Strength of Meaning: Representations of New Words with Different Properties in the L2 Semantic Network. *The Mental Lexicon*, 13(1), 74-104.
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Rogahn, M., Opitz, A., & Tschirner, E. (2017). Misbehaved Masculines: Incidental Acquisition of Grammatical Gender in L2 German During Reading. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 1-12. doi:10.1017/S1366728917000608
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Rogahn, M., Opitz, A., & Tschirner, E. (2017). Semantic Representation of Newly Learned L2 Words and their Integration in the L2 Lexicon. *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*, 39 (1), 197-212.

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- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Opitz, A., Rogahn, M., & Tschirner, E. (2016). Der Einfluss syntaktischer Komplexität auf den beiläufigen Erwerb des Wortwissens beim Lesen in Deutsch als Fremdsprache. *Deutsch als Fremdsprache*, 3, 159-169.
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Opitz, A., Rogahn, M., & Tschirner, E. (2016). Semantic representation of newly learned L2 words and their integration in the L2 lexicon. *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*, available on CJO2016. doi:10.1017/S0272263116000048.
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Opitz, A., & Tschirner, E. (2015). Incidental acquisition of grammatical features during reading in L1 and L2. *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*, available on CJO2015. doi:10.1017/S0272263115000315
- Regel, S., Opitz, A., Müller, G., & Friederici, A. D. (2015). The past tense debate revisited: Electrophysiological evidence for subregularities of irregular verb inflection. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 27(9), 1870-1885.
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Opitz, A., & Tschirner, E. (2014). Incidental acquisition of new words during reading in L2: Inference of meaning and its integration in the semantic network. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1366728914000078>
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Opitz, A., & Tschirner, E. (2014). To Store or not to Store, and if so, Where? An Experimental Study on Incidental Vocabulary Acquisition by Adult Native Speakers of German. In V. Torrens & L. Escobar (eds.), *The Processing of Lexicon and Morphosyntax*. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- Opitz, A.; Regel, St.; Müller, G.; & Friederici, A.D. (2013). Neurophysiological evidence for morphological underspecification in German strong adjective inflection. *Language*, 89 (2), pp. 231-264.
- Bordag, D., Kirschenbaum, A., Opitz, A., & Tschirner, E. (2012). Incidental Vocabulary Acquisition during Reading by Adult Native Speakers of German. *Proceedings of the International Conference of Experimental Linguistics ExLing 2012*, August 27-29 2012, Athens, Greece, pp. 21-25.
- Barnickel, K. & Opitz, A. (2012). Schaltreferenz im Deutschen. In: Philipp Weisser (ed.), *Local Modeling and Empirical Distribution*, Vol. 89 of *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte*, Universität Leipzig, pp. 83-105.
- Opitz, A. (2008). Case and Markedness in Tlapanec. In: Günther Grewendorf & Arnim von Stechow, (Hrg.), *Linguistische Berichte*, Vol. 214, S. 211-237, Helmut Buske Verlag.
- Opitz, A. (2006). A Reanalysis of Definiteness-Markers in Albanian Noun Inflection. In: G. Müller & J. Trommer (eds.), *Subanalysis of Argument Encoding in Distributed Morphology*. Vol. 84 of *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte*, Universität Leipzig, pp. 103-114.
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., & Pechmann, Th. (2006). Gender processing in first and second languages: The role of noun termination. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 32, S. 1090-1101.

Editorship:

Guest Editor for *Frontiers in Psychology* (2021), Research Topic “Fuzzy Lexical Representations in the Nonnative Mental Lexicon”. [Fuzzy Lexical Representations in the Nonnative Mental Lexicon | Frontiers Research Topic \(frontiersin.org\)](https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/1014/fuzzy-lexical-representations-in-the-nonnative-mental-lexicon)

Trommer, J. & Opitz A. (2007) (eds.).
1-2-many. One-to-many relations in grammar, Vol. 85 of *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte*, Universität Leipzig.

Conference Presentations /Posters

- Opitz, A. & Bordag, D. (2022). *Towards disclosing the mental structure of morphological families: The case of the so-called non-finites*. Presented at the 20th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest, Sept 2022.
- Bordag, D. & Opitz, A. (2022). *The role of analogous morphological representations of previously acquired lexical entries in incidental acquisition in L1 and L2*. Presented at the 20th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest, Sept 2022.
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., Polter, M., & Meng, M. (2020). L2 readers retain more verbatim information than native readers. Presented at the DGfS 2020, Hamburg, March 04-06 2020.
- Opitz, A. & Bordag, D. (2019). Processing of conversion as a ‘non-finite’ category and the role of capitalization as a noun cue in L1 & L2 German. Presented at the International Morphological Processing Conference (MoProc) 2019, Tübingen, Germany, November 04-07 2019.
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., Polter, M., & Meng, M. (2019). L2 readers retain more verbatim information than native readers. Presented at the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC), Palma de Mallorca, June 26-28 2019.
- Bordag, D. & Opitz, A. (2019). Between Syncretism, Derivation and Polysemy: The Mental Status of Conversion and its Form-Identical ‘Siblings’. Presented at the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC), Palma de Mallorca, June 26-28 2019.
- Opitz, A. & Bordag, D. (2019). Controversial Conversion. Presented at the XIV. International Symposium of Psycholinguistics (ISP), Tarragona (Spain), April 10-13, 2019.
- Bordag, D. & Opitz, A. (2019). Processing of inflectionally ambiguous word forms suggests existence of ‘non-finite’ word class category. Presented at the XIV. International Symposium of Psycholinguistics (ISP), Tarragona (Spain), April 10-13, 2019
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., Polter, M., & Meng, M. (2018). How Much Verbatim Information Do L2 Readers Retain Compared to L1 Readers? An Eye-tracking Study. Talk presented at EuroSLA, Münster (Germany), September 5th-8th, 2018.
- Bordag, D., Opitz, A., Polter, M. & Meng, M. (2018). *Retention of Surface Information During L1 and L2 Reading: An Eye-tracking Study*. Poster presented at AMLaP, Berlin, September 6th-8th, 2018. ([link to poster](#))
- Opitz, A. & Bordag, D. (2018). ‚das Fliegen‘ vs. ‚fliegen‘: How is Verb-Noun Conversion Represented in L1 vs. L2 German Mental Lexicon? Poster presented at EuroSLA, Münster (Germany), September 6th-8th, 2018. ([link to poster](#))
- Tippmann, J., Stärk, K., Ebersberg, M., Opitz, A., & Rossi, S. (2018). *Developmental Changes in Neuronal Processing of Irregular Morphosyntactic Rules During Childhood*. Poster presented at the Nijmegen Lectures, Nijmegen (Netherlands), February 26th-28th, 2018.
- Opitz, Andreas & Pechmann, Thomas (2016). *Gender Features in German: Evidence for Underspecification*, Poster presented at Experimental Linguistics Conference, Saikt Petersburg (Russia), July 01st – 2nd 2016.
- Opitz, Andreas & Pechmann, Thomas (2015). *Gender features in German: Evidence for underspecification*, 9th Morphological Processing Conference, Potsdam (Germany), June 18th - 20th 2015.
- Pechmann, Thomas & Opitz, Andreas (2014). *Lexical Representations of Nouns in German Rely on Underspecified Gender Features*, Poster presented at the 9th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (Canada), September 30th - October 2nd 2014.
- Denisa Bordag, Amit Kirschenbaum, Andreas Opitz, Maria Rogahn, & Erwin Tschirner (2014). *Misbehaved masculines: Incidental acquisition of gender in L2 German*, Poster presented at the AMLaP XX, Edinburgh, September 3rd - 6th 2014.

- Opitz, Andreas & Pechmann, Thomas (2014). *Lexical Representations of Nouns in German Rely on Underspecified Gender Features*, Poster presented at the AMLaP XX, Edinburgh, September 3rd - 6th 2014.
- Opitz, Andreas; Bordag, Denisa; Kirschenbaum, Amit & Tschirner, Erwin (2012). *Incidental vocabulary acquisition during reading by adult native speakers of German*, 5th Conference on Experimental Linguistics, Athens (Greece), August 27th-29th.
- Opitz, Andreas; Regel, Stefanie; Müller, Gereon und Friederici, Angela D. (2011). *ERP-evidence from strong adjectival inflection in German supports morphological underspecification*. Poster presented at the 7th Morphological Processing Conference, Donostia - San Sebastian, June 22th – 25st 2011.
- Opitz, Andreas und Müller, Gereon (2011). *The processing of morphological features. ERP Evidence for Underspecification*, Morphological Complexity: Workshop on Psycholinguistics (Hosted by the Surrey Morphology Group and the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics) Nijmegen, 28. Januar.
- Opitz, Andreas (2007). *Case and markedness in Tlapanec*. Workshop on Grammar and Processing of Verbal Arguments Leipzig, April 20th – 21st 2007.
- Opitz, Andreas; Bordag, Denisa & Pechmann, Thomas (2005). *The influence of phonological form on the L1 and L2 gender production*. EUROSLA 15, 14.-17. September 2005, Dubrovnik.

Teaching Experience

- 2021 Research Colloquium & Empirical Methods Training / Hochschule Merseburg
- 2020 Lexicon and Vocabulary in L2 German Contexts
Grammar Theory
Introduction to the Morphology of Contemporary German
- 2019 Lexicon and Vocabulary in L2 German Contexts
- 2018 Research Colloquium & Empirical Methods Training / Hochschule Merseburg
- 2017 Psycholinguistic Research Training (Lab Training)
Quantitative Methods (Empirical Basics)
Introduction to Psycholinguistics
Cognitive Basis of Language Processing
Research Colloquium/ Hochschule Merseburg
- 2016 Neuropsychology of Language
Basics of Empirical Research and Statistical Data Analysis
Sentence Production
Statistics using 'R'
- 2015 Psycholinguistic Research Training (Lab Training)
Lecture "Quantitative Methodology" (stand in for Prof. Dr. Th. Pechmann)
Language Perception (Morphology & Syntax)
Psycholinguistic Methodology
Psycholinguistic Research Colloquium (with Prof. Dr. Th. Pechmann)
- 2014 Quantitative Methods (Empirical Basics)
Lab Training "Psycholinguistics"
Neuropsychology of Language
Psycholinguistic Research Colloquium
The Mental Representation of Stress (Stress and Artificial Languages)
Sentence Production
Psycholinguistic Methodology
- 2013 Second Language Processing
Statistics using "R"

- Sentence Processing
Morphological Processing
- 2010 Introduction to Phonology (together with E. Zimmermann)
2009 Introduction to Linguistics (together with M. Richards)
2008 Theoretical and Psycholinguistic Aspects of Morphology (with Prof. Dr. Gereon Müller)

Ad-hoc Reviewer

- The Mental Lexicon (Journal)
- Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition
- Journal of Linguistics
- Frontiers in Psych
- Language Learning
- Estonian Research Council
- Österreichischer Austauschdienst (OeAD)

Skills

Methods:

- Behavioral experiments (advanced)
- Eye Tracking (SR Eyelink) (advanced)
- EEG (basic)

Software:

- Statistics: „R“, SPSS
- E-Prime, Presentation, Experiment Builder

Languages:

- German (native), English (advanced), Russian (novice), Dutch (novice), Czech (novice), Chinese (novice), German Sign Language (novice)