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### **Academic Positions**

- Full Professor [W3], Department of English, University of Jena, 2010-present
- Full Professor [C4], Department of English, University of Jena, 2004
- Postdoc, Max-Planck-Institute for evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, 1998-2004
- Part-time instructor at the Universities of Leipzig and Osnabrück, 2000-2004

### **Education**

- Habilitation, English Linguistics, University of Leipzig, 2002
- Ph.D., Linguistics, University of Buffalo, 1998
- M.A., Linguistics, University of Buffalo, 1995
- M.A., German Language and Literature, University of Hamburg, 1992

### **Theses**

- Habilitation: The development of complex-sentence constructions in English: A usage-based approach, 2002. Committee: Michael Tomasello, Adele Goldberg, Susan Olson
- Dissertation: Demonstratives in crosslinguistic and diachronic perspective, 1998. Committee: Matthew Dryer, Karin Michelson, Jean-Pierre Koenig

### **Honors**

- Senior Fellow of the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, FRIAS, 2011
- Member of the Saxonian Academy of Sciences, since 2014
- Senior Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 2015-2016
- Francqui Chair of Linguistics, University of Leuven, 2021

### **Professional Membership**

- Association for Linguistic Typology
- International Cognitive Linguistics Association
- Linguistic Society of America
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kognitive Linguistik
- Societas Linguistica Europaea

## Professional Services

- Reviewer for European Commission
- Reviewer for European Science Foundation
- Reviewer for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
- Reviewer for National Science Foundation
- Reviewer for Israeli Science Foundation
- Reviewer for The British Academy
- Reviewer for FWO Flanders
- Reviewer for Research Council University of Leuven
- Reviewer for professorships in English and General Linguistics Germany
- Reviewer for tenure promotion in the US
- Reviewer for promotion to Senior Lecturer and Full Professor in the UK

## Editorial Work

- Editorial Board of *Cognitive Linguistics*, 2005-2011
- Associate Editor of *Cognitive Linguistics*, 2012-2013
- Editorial Board of *Cognitive Linguistics*, 2014
- Editorial Board of *Studies in Language*, 2012-2013
- Editorial Board of *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, 2005-2009
- Editorial Board of *Constructions*, since 2014
- Editorial Board: *Functions of Language*, since 2017
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- Ad hoc reviews for *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Belgian Journal of Linguistics*, *Constructions*, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Cognition*, *Cognitive Science*, *Diachronica*, *English Studies*, *Journal of Child Language*, *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*, *Journal of Historical Linguistics*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Lingua*, *Language*, *Language and Cognition*, *Language and Speech*, *Linguistics*, *Linguistic Typology*, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*, *Studies in Language*, *Studies in Language Sciences*, *Synthesis*, *Linguistic Typology at the Crossroads*

## Administrative Work

- Member of the Steering Committee for the introduction of BA and MA study programs University of Jena, Faculty of Philosophy, 2005-2006
- Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Jena, 2005-2010
- Chair of the Department of English and American Studies of the University of Jena, 2006-2009

## Research Grants

- Research grant from European Science Foundation as part of a Marie Curie Research Training Network (2016-2020)
- Senior scholarship at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 2015-2016 (10 months)
- Research grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) for a research project (three years) on *Principles of Linearization in Complex Sentences*, 2007-2010
- Visiting scholarship at the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, 2011 (6 months)

## Courses taught at Summer Schools

- Six online lectures on Usage-based Construction Grammar, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro and Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil
- Five lectures on Usage-based Construction Grammar, as Francqui Chair holder at KU Leuven, Belgium
- The Grammar Network. How Linguistic Structure is Shaped by Language Use. Summer school "Language Universals and Language Diversity in an Evolutionary Perspective". Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Como, Italy
- Introduction to Language Typology, The LSA Summer Institute, (with Martin Haspelmath), Chicago, July 2015
- 'Usage-based Models of Language', Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Freiburg, September 2014
- Frequency, Similarity, and Memory. Towards a Usage-based Theory of Language, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Freiburg, May 2010
- Demonstratives, Joint Attention, and Emergent Grammar, International Summer School on Embodied Language Games and Construction Grammar, Cortona, Italy, August 2009
- Converging Evidence: Linguistic Typology and Corpus Linguistics, Leipzig Spring School on Linguistic Diversity, Leipzig, March 2008
- Methodology of First Language Research, Societas Linguistica Europaea, Summer School on Linguistic Methodology, Molise, August 2007
- Syntactic Development, Netherland Graduate School of Linguistics, University of Leuven, June 2007
- Demonstratives in Grammar and Language Use, Summer School of Functional and Cognitive Linguistics, San Marino, March 2004

## Publications

### *Books*

- Diessel, Holger. 2023 (in June). *The Constructicon. Taxonomies and Networks*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Diessel, Holger. 2019. *The Grammar Network. How Linguistic Structure is Shaped by Language Use*. Cambridge University Press.
- Diessel, Holger. 2004. *The Acquisition of Complex Sentences*. [Cambridge Studies in Linguistics]. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Diessel, Holger. 1999. *Demonstratives: Form, Function, and Grammaticalization*. [Typological Studies in Language 42]. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

### *Edited volumes*

- Diessel, Holger, Kenny Coventry, Harmen B. Gudde, and Olga Caprici. 2021. (eds.), *Demonstratives, Deictic Pointing and the Conceptualization of Space*. *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Gast, Volker and Holger Diessel. 2012. (eds.), *Clause Linkage in Cross-Linguistic Perspective: Data-Driven Approaches to Cross-Clausal Syntax*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

**Articles and chapters (selection)**

- Breunese, Merlijn and Holger Diessel. 2023. Iconicity in spatial deixis: A cross-linguistic study of 180 demonstrative systems. In C. Gentens, L. Ghesquière, W. B. McGregor and A. Van Linden (eds.), *Reconnecting Form and Meaning: In honour of Kristin Davidse*, 185-208. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Diessel, Holger and Sergei Monakhov. 2022. Acquisition of demonstratives in crosslinguistic perspective. *Journal of Child Language*.
- Diessel, Holger. 2020. A dynamic network approach to the study of syntax. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- Diessel, Holger and Kenny Coventry. 2020. Demonstratives in spatial language and social interaction. An interdisciplinary review. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- Diessel, Holger and Merlijn Breunese. 2020. A typology of demonstrative clause linkers. In Åshild Næss, Anna Margetts and Yvonne Treis (ed.), *Demonstratives in Discourse*, 305-340. Leipzig: Language Science Press.
- Diessel, Holger. 2019. Preposed adverbial clauses: Functional adaptation and diachronic inheritance. In Schmidtke-Bode, Karsten et al. (eds.) *Explanations in Linguistic Typology: Diachronic Sources, Functional Motivations and the Nature of the Evidence*, 191-226. Leipzig: Language Science Press.
- Diessel, Holger. 2017. Usage-based linguistics. In Mark Aronoff (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Schmidtke-Bode, Karsten and Holger Diessel. 2017. Cross-linguistic patterns in the structure, function and position of (object) complement clauses. *Linguistics*.
- Hilpert, Martin and Holger Diessel. 2017. Entrenchment in construction grammar. In Hans-Jörg Schmid (ed.), *Entrenchment, Memory and Automaticity. The psychology of linguistic knowledge and language learning*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Diessel, Holger. 2016. Frequency and lexical specificity. A critical review. In Heike Behrens and Stefan Pfaender (eds.), *Experience Counts: Frequency effects in language*, 209-237. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Diessel, Holger and Martin Hilpert. 2016. Frequency effects in grammar. In Mark Aronoff (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Diessel, Holger. 2015. Usage-based construction grammar. In Ewa Dabrowska and Dagmar Divjak (eds.), *Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics*, 295-321. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Diessel, Holger. 2015. Frequency shapes syntactic structure. *Journal of Child Language* 42: 278-281.
- Diessel, Holger. 2014. Demonstratives, frames of reference, and semantic universals of space. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 8/3: 116-132.
- Diessel, Holger. 2014. Frequency effects in language development. In Patricia J. Brooks and Vera Kempe (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Language Development*, 222-224. Thousand Oaks: Sage.
- Diessel, Holger. 2013. Where does language come from? Some reflections on the role of deictic gesture and demonstratives in the evolution of language. *Language and Cognition* 5: 239-249.

- Diessel, Holger. 2013. Adverbial subordination. In Silvia Luraghi and Claudia Parodi (eds.), *Bloomsbury Companion to Syntax*, 341-354. London: Continuum.
- Diessel, Holger. 2013. Is there a deictic frame of reference? In Peter Auer, Martin Hilpert, Anja Stuckenbrock, and Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (eds.), *Space in Language and Linguistics: Geographical, interactional, and cognitive perspectives.*, 687-692. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- Diessel, Holger. 2012. Deixis and demonstratives. In Claudia Maienborn, Klaus von Heusinger, Paul Portner (eds.), *An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning*, Vol. 3, 2407-2431. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
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