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Education

- 1999 Habilitation at the University of Konstanz: *Intonation and Information Structure* (venia legendi: *Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*) (Mentor: Aditi Lahiri)
- 1992 Doctoral Degree (Dr. phil.) in Linguistics at the University of Konstanz: *Epsilon-Ausdrücke als Semanteme für definite und indefinite Nominalphrasen und anaphorische Pronomen* (supervisor: Urs Egli)
- 1984 – 1990 Studies in General Linguistics, Philosophy, Cognitive Science and Oriental Languages at the University of Konstanz and the University of Edinburgh. MA in Linguistics and Philosophy at the University of Konstanz: *Kategoriale Unifikationsgrammatiken* (supervisor: Urs Egli)

Employment

- 2012 – current W3-Professor of German Linguistics, Institute for German Language and Literature I, Linguistics, University of Cologne (= UoC)
- 2003 – 2012 C4-Professor of General and German Linguistics, University of Stuttgart
- 2000 – 2003 Heisenberg scholar, University of Konstanz; Research Fellow at the *Centre for Cognitive Science*, University of Edinburgh
- 1997 – 1999 Habilitation Grant, University of Konstanz; Research Fellow at the *Linguistics Research Center* at the University of California, Santa Cruz
- 1990 – 1997 Research Scientist, University of Konstanz

Major academic achievements

- since 2024 Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics (ZAS), Berlin
- 2017 – 2021 Spokesperson of the CRC 1252 *Prominence in Language* (UoC)
- since 2017 Founding director and speaker of the *Center for Linguistics, Information and Philosophy* (UoC)
- 2014 – 2018 Spokesperson of the Emerging Group *Dynamic Structuring in Language and Communication* (UoC)
- since 2014 Member of *Academia Europaea*
- 2011 – 2013 Founding director and speaker of the Research Center Linguistics and Cognition (*Forschungsverbundes Sprachwissenschaft und Kognition*, FSK) at Stuttgart
- 2010 Award Winner and Senior Fellow at the *Zukunftskolleg* (Academic Research Forum), University of Konstanz
- 2008 – 2010 *Opus Magnum* Research Professorship Award by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation and the Volkswagen Foundation
- 2000 – 2003 Heisenberg Grant by the German Science Foundation (DFG)
- 1997 – 1999 Habilitation Grant by the Dr. Meyer Struckmann Foundation, (in cooperation with the German National Academic Foundation)

International cooperations

- Host for Humboldt Research Awardee Jaklin Kornfilt, Syracuse, USA (2011-2012); Humboldt Research Fellow Alina Tigău, Bukarest (2016-2018); Humboldt Research Fellow Anna Pineda,

Barcelona (2021-2022)

- Visiting Scholar / invited professor (recent): University of California, San Diego (2022); Università di Bologna (2021); Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2018); University of Toronto (2017); University of California, Santa Cruz (2016); University of Zurich (2016)
- International research and conference networks:
 - NEREUS – Network on Referential Categories in Spanish, biannual conferences and publications (since 2002)
 - RED – Referential Expressions in Discourse, annual conferences (since 2010)
 - GAKT – Germanistik Köln-Tokio, annual PhD conferences (since 2015)

Academic service

- Editor of the book series *Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface (CRiSPI)*, Brill (since 2008)
- Editor of the book series *Linguistische Arbeiten*, de Gruyter (since 2003)
- Editor in Chief of *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* (2009 – 2013)
- Referee for *DFG*, *Volkswagenstiftung*, *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, *The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)*, *European Science Foundation (ESF)*, *Israel Science Foundation (ISF)*
- Reviewer for *Benjamins*, *Blackwell Compass*, *Cambridge University Press*, *de Gruyter*, *Elsevier Linguistische Arbeiten*, *Oxford University Press*
- Reviewer for major international journals, e.g.: *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Dialogue and Discourse*, *Erkenntnis*, *Function of Language*, *Glossa*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Language*, *Languages*, *Lingua*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Linguistics*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Linguistische Berichte*, *Probus*, *Studies in Language*
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List of 10 most relevant publications

- Buchholz, Timo & Klaus von Heusinger. 2024. German demonstrative pronouns differ in their sensitivity to discourse and sentence topics. *Frontiers in Communication* 9:1369290
- von Heusinger, Klaus, Tiago Duarte & Marco García García. 2024. Differential Object Marking and discourse prominence in Spanish. *Isogloss* 10(1)/6. 1–37.
- von Heusinger, Klaus & Petra B. Schumacher. 2019. Discourse prominence: Definition and application. *Journal of Pragmatics* 154. 117–127.
- Maienborn, Claudia, Klaus von Heusinger & Paul Portner (eds.). 2011–2012. *Semantics: An international handbook of natural language meaning*. 3 volumes. Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton. Re-edition in 7 volumes (2019) Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton.
- Chiriacescu, Sofiana & Klaus von Heusinger. 2010. Discourse prominence and *pe*-marking in Romanian. *International Review of Pragmatics* 2(2). 298–332.
- von Heusinger, Klaus. 2008. Verbal semantics and the diachronic development of DOM in Spanish. *Probus* 20(1). 1–34.
- von Heusinger, Klaus & Jaklin Kornfilt. 2005. The case of the direct object in Turkish: Semantics, syntax and morphology. *Turkic Languages* 9. 3–44.
- von Heusinger, Klaus. 2002. Specificity and definiteness in sentence and discourse structure. *Journal of Semantics* 19(3). 245–274.
- von Heusinger, Klaus. 1999. Intonation and information structure. The representation of focus in phonology and semantics. Habilitation thesis, University of Konstanz.
- von Heusinger, Klaus. 1997. *Salienz und Referenz. Der Epsilonoperator in der Semantik der Nominalphrase und anaphorischer Pronomen*. Berlin: Akademie Verlag.