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CURRENT POSITIONS

December 2025- **Director**
Centre de Lingüística Teòrica/Center for Theoretical Linguistics (CLT)
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

January 2023- **ICREA Research Professor** (tenured)
Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies (ICREA) &
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2020-2022 **Ramón y Cajal Senior Research Fellow** (tenure-track)
Department of English and German Studies, Universitat Rovira i Virgili

2017-2019 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow**
Department of Language and Culture, Universitetet i Tromsø-The Arctic
University of Norway
Contract extended through UiT funds during August-December 2019

2017 **Teaching and Research Fellow in linguistics**
Department of English Studies, University of Cyprus

2016-2017 **Teaching Fellow in linguistics**
Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology

2011-2015 **Doctoral researcher/FPI Fellow**
Universitat de Barcelona through an FPI (Formación de Personal Investigador) research grant awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

CAREER BREAKS

10/23 - 03/24	Maternity leave
04/23 - 10/23	Sick leave due to pregnancy complications
01/22 - 04/23	Working time reduced to 30% to care for a minor with health conditions
05/21 - 12/21	Maternity leave. Extended due to preterm labor that required a long stay at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
01/21 - 04/21	Sick leave due to pregnancy complications
11/19 - 03/20	Sick leave due to pregnancy complications followed by preterm labor and stillbirth

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Language development in monolingual, bilingual, and bidialectal individuals, non-standard varieties, language in silico, Large Language Models.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2022	<i>Universitat Pompeu Fabra</i> Barcelona Summer School on Bilingualism and Multilingualism
2018	<i>Universitat de les Illes Balears</i> Mallorca Lectures on Neurolinguistics: Neural bases of language, electroencephalography, eye-tracking
2017	<i>Norwegian University of Science & Technology (NTNU)</i> , Norwegian Graduate Researcher School in Linguistics and Philology Training course 'From Scientist's Mind to the Journal: A Guided Tour through the Implementation of Experimental Designs and Use of Advanced Statistics'
2016	<i>Cyprus University of Technology</i> , Department of Rehabilitation Sciences Intensive training course in Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
2015	<i>Universitat de Barcelona</i> , Department of Linguistics PhD in Cognitive Science and Language [qualification: Excellent Cum Laude]
2012	<i>Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat de Girona & Universitat Rovira i Virgili</i> , Departments of Linguistics, Psychology & Philosophy MA in Cognitive Science and Language [qualification: Excellent]
2011	<i>University of Cyprus</i> , Department of English Studies BA in English Language
2009	<i>University of Cologne</i> 1st Summer School on Generative Studies in Second Language Acquisition

- 2009 Zentrum für allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin
COST Training School in Language Acquisition Methods
- 2008 University of Edinburgh
Scottish Universities' International Summer School in creative writing
- 2005 University of the Aegean, Department of Mediterranean Studies
BA in Mediterranean Studies, major: Linguistics

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS & MONOGRAPHS

- In press/2026* **Evelina Leivada** & Kleanthes K. Grohmann (eds.). *The Cambridge Handbook of Minimalism and Its Applications*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- In press/2026* Kleanthes K. Grohmann & **Evelina Leivada** (eds.). *The Cambridge Handbook of the Minimalist Program*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2021 Lluís Barceló-Coblijn & **Evelina Leivada** (eds.). *Biolinguistic Research in the 21st Century*. *Biolinguistics*.
- 2018 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros & **Evelina Leivada** (eds.). *Developmental, modal, and pathological variation: Linguistic and cognitive profiles for speakers of linguistically proximal languages and varieties*. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- 2015 **Evelina Leivada**. *The nature and limits of variation across languages and pathologies*. Doctoral dissertation, Universitat de Barcelona.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Preprint* Raquel Montero, Natalia Moskvina, Paolo Morosi, Tamara Serrano, Elena Pagliarini & **Evelina Leivada**. *Quantification and object perception in Multimodal Large Language Models deviate from human linguistic cognition*. *arXiv*.
- Preprint* Nikoleta Pantelidou, **Evelina Leivada** & Paolo Morosi. *Resource-sensitive but language-blind: Community size and not grammatical complexity better predicts the accuracy of Large Language Models in a novel Wug Test*. *arXiv*.
- Preprint* **Evelina Leivada**, Raquel Montero, Paolo Morosi, Natalia Moskvina, Tamara Serrano, Marcel Aguilar, Elliot Murphy & Fritz Günther. *Large Language Model probabilities cannot distinguish between possible and impossible language*. *arXiv*.
- Preprint* Philipp Schoenegger, Francesco Salvi, Jiacheng Liu, Xiaoli Nan, Ramit Debnath, Barbara Fasolo, **Evelina Leivada** [+32 authors]. *Large Language Models are more persuasive than incentivized human persuaders*. *arXiv*.
- Preprint* **Evelina Leivada**, Fritz Günther, Camilla Masullo, Jon Andoni Duñabeitia, Marit Westergaard & Jason Rothman. *A multi-metric analysis of 50,000 linguistic profiles provides sparse evidence that language distance modulates bilingual cognition*. *PsyArXiv*.

- To appear **Evelina Leivada**, Gary Marcus, Fritz Günther & Elliot Murphy. *A sentence is worth a thousand pictures: Can Large Language Models understand human language and the world behind words?* *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A*.
- To appear Vittoria Dentella, Weihang Huang, Silvia Angela Mansi, Jack Grieve & **Evelina Leivada**. *ChatGPT-generated texts show authorship traits that identify them as non-human.* *Nature Scientific Reports*.
- 2025 Elliot Murphy, **Evelina Leivada**, Vittoria Dentella, Raquel Montero, Fritz Günther & Gary Marcus. *Fundamental principles of linguistic structure are not represented by ChatGPT.* *Biolinguistics*, 19, e19021.
- 2025 **Evelina Leivada**, Lara Kelly-Iturriaga, Camilla Masullo, Marit Westergaard & Jason Rothman. *The unpredictable role of language distance in bilingual cognition: A systematic review from brain to behavior.* *Bilingualism: Language & Cognition*. Online first.
- 2025 Vittoria Dentella, Fritz Günther & **Evelina Leivada**. *Language learning in vivo vs. in silico: Size matters but Larger Language Models still do not comprehend language on a par with humans due to impenetrable semantic reference.* *PLoS ONE* 20(7), e0327794.
- 2025 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado, **Evelina Leivada** & Antonella Sorace. *Register variation and linguistic background modulate accuracy in detecting morphosyntactic errors.* *Isogloss* 11(1), 1-36.
- 2024 Vittoria Dentella, Fritz Günther, Elliot Murphy, Gary Marcus & **Evelina Leivada**. *Testing AI on language comprehension tasks reveals insensitivity to underlying meaning.* *Nature Scientific Reports* 14, 28083.
- 2024 **Evelina Leivada**, Vittoria Dentella & Fritz Günther. *Evaluating the language abilities of humans vs. Large Language Models: Three caveats.* *Biolinguistics* 18, e14391.
- 2024 **Evelina Leivada**, Fritz Günther & Vittoria Dentella. *Reply to Hu et al: Applying different evaluation standards to humans vs. Large Language Models overestimates AI performance.* *PNAS* 121(36), e2406752121.
- 2024 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado & **Evelina Leivada**. *The role of minority language bilingualism in spotting agreement attraction errors: Evidence from Italian varieties.* *PLoS ONE* 19(2), e0298648.
- 2024 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & **Evelina Leivada**. *Bilingual disadvantages are systematically compensated by bilingual advantages across tasks and populations.* *Nature Scientific Reports* 14, 2107.
- 2023 Vittoria Dentella, Fritz Günther & **Evelina Leivada**. *Systematic testing of three Language Models reveals low language accuracy, absence of response stability, and a yes-response bias.* *PNAS* 120(51), e2309583120.
- 2023 **Evelina Leivada**. *A classification bias and an exclusion bias jointly overinflated the estimation of publication biases in bilingualism research.* *Behavioral Sciences* 13, 812.
- 2023 Natalia Mitrofanova, **Evelina Leivada** & Marit Westergaard. *Crosslinguistic influence in L3 acquisition: Evidence from artificial language learning.* *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism* 13, 717-742.

- 2023 Camilla Masullo, Vittoria Dentella & **Evelina Leivada**. 73% of the observed bilingual (dis)advantageous effects on cognition stem from sociolinguistic variables: A systematic review. *Bilingualism: Language & Cognition*.
- 2023 **Evelina Leivada**, Elliot Murphy & Gary Marcus. DALL·E 2 fails to reliably capture common syntactic processes. *Social Sciences & Humanities Open* 8, 100648.
- 2023 **Evelina Leivada**, Itxaso Rodríguez-Ordóñez, M. Carmen Parafita Couto & Silvia Perpiñán. Bilingualism with minority languages: Why searching for unicorn language users does not move us forward. *Applied Psycholinguistics* 44, 384-399.
- 2022 **Evelina Leivada**, Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Jason Rothman. On trade-offs in bilingualism and moving beyond the Stacking the Deck fallacy. *Bilingualism: Language & Cognition* 26, 550-555.
- 2022 **Evelina Leivada**. Determining the cognitive biases behind a viral linguistic universal: The order of multiple adjectives. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* 9, 436.
- 2022 Elliot Murphy & **Evelina Leivada**. A model for learning strings is not a model of language learning. *PNAS* 119(23), e2201651119.
- 2022 **Evelina Leivada** & Elliot Murphy. A demonstration of the uncomputability of parametric models of language acquisition and a biologically plausible alternative. *Language Development Research* 2(1), 105-138.
- 2022 **Evelina Leivada**. Linguistics as science, language as mystery. *Inference: International Review of Science* 6, 4.
- 2021 **Evelina Leivada**. The origins of music in (musi)language. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 44, e104.
- 2021 **Evelina Leivada**, Natalia Mitrofanova & Marit Westergaard. Bilinguals are better than monolinguals in detecting manipulative discourse. *PLoS ONE* 16(9), e0256173.
- 2021 **Evelina Leivada** & Elliot Murphy. Mind the (terminological) gap: Ten ambiguous, polysemous, and misused terms in linguistics. *Ampersand* 8, 1-9.
- 2021 **Evelina Leivada**. Mid-level generalizations of generative linguistics: Experimental robustness, cognitive underpinnings and the interdisciplinarity paradox. *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* 39, 357-374.
- 2021 **Evelina Leivada** & Lluís Barceló-Coblijn. Why don't languages grammaticalize [$\pm$ poisonous]? *Biolinguistics* 14.SI, 51-58.
- 2021 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros, **Evelina Leivada** & Natalia Pavlou. On 'free' grammatical variation in a mixed lect: Clitic placement in Cypriot Greek. *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* 39, 275-298.
- 2020 **Evelina Leivada**. Language processing at its trickiest: Grammatical illusions and heuristics of judgment. *Languages* 5(3), 29.
- 2020 **Evelina Leivada**, Marit Westergaard, Jon Andoni Duñabeitia & Jason Rothman. On the phantom-like appearance of bilingualism effects on

- neurocognition: (How) should we proceed? *Bilingualism: Language & Cognition* 24, 197-210.
- 2020 **Evelina Leivada** & Marit Westergaard. Acceptable ungrammatical sentences, unacceptable grammatical sentences, and the role of the cognitive parser. *Frontiers in Language Sciences* 11, 364.
- 2020 **Evelina Leivada**. Misused terms in linguistics. *Inference: International Review of Science* 5, 2. [pdf]
 reply by Anna Maria Di Sciullo & response by me
 reply by Juan Uriagereka & response by me
 reply by Martin Haspelmath & response by me
 reply by Kleanthes Grohmann & response by me
 reply by Fahad Rashed Al-Mutairi & response by me
 reply José-Luis Mendívil-Giró
- 2019 **Evelina Leivada**, Roberta D'Alessandro & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. Eliciting big data from small, young or non-standard languages: 10 experimental challenges. *Frontiers in Language Sciences* 10, 313.
- 2019 **Evelina Leivada** & Marit Westergaard. Universal linguistic hierarchies are not innately wired. Evidence from multiple adjectives. *PeerJ* 7, e7438.
- 2018 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros & **Evelina Leivada**. Developmental, modal, and pathological variation (editorial article). *Frontiers in Psychology* 9, 1804.
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada**. What's in (a) Label? Neural origins and behavioral manifestations of Identity Avoidance in language and cognition. *Biolinguistics* 11, 1-30.
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada**. The primitives of the lexicon: Insights from aspect in idioms. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 2(1), 105.
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada**, Maria Kambanaros & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. The Locus Preservation Hypothesis: Shared linguistic profiles across developmental disorders and the resilient part of the human language faculty. *Frontiers in Psychology* 8, 1765.
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada**, Elena Papadopoulou & Natalia Pavlou. Functionally equivalent variants in a non-standard variety and their implications for Universal Grammar: A spontaneous speech corpus. *Frontiers in Language Sciences* 8, 1260.
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada**, Maria Kambanaros, Loukia Taxitari & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. (Meta)linguistic abilities of bilingual educators. *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*, 1003-1018.
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada**, Elena Papadopoulou, Maria Kambanaros & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. The influence of bilingualism and non-standardization on the perception of native grammatical variants. *Frontiers in Psychology* 8, 205.
- 2016 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros, **Evelina Leivada** & Charley Rowe. A developmental approach to diglossia: Bilingualism on a gradient scale to linguality. *Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics* 52(4), 629-662.
- 2016 **Evelina Leivada**. Vision, language, and a protective mechanism towards

psychosis. *Neuroscience Letters* 617, 178-181.

- 2015 **Evelina Leivada.** X-within-X structures and the nature of categories. *Biolinguistics* 9, 50-73.
- 2015 **Evelina Leivada.** Aphasic grammar: Why are some parts (un)impaired? *Stem-, Spraak- en Taalpathologie* 20(So1), 85-89.
- 2015 Constantina Theofanopoulou, Pedro Tiago Martins, Javier Ramírez, Elizabeth Zhang, Gonzalo Castillo, Edward Shi, Saleh Alamri, Anna Martínez-Alvarez & **Evelina Leivada.** Neurological foundations of language: Emerging perspectives. *Llengua, Societat i Comunicació* 13, 4-11.
- 2014 **Evelina Leivada & Kleanthes K. Grohmann.** Clitics in idioms: Properties of morphosyntax and reference. *Lingua* 150, 45-70.
- 2014 Elena Papadopoulou, **Evelina Leivada & Natalia Pavlou.** Acceptability judgments in bilectal populations: Competition, gradience and socio-syntax. *Linguistic Variation* 14, 109-128.
- 2014 **Evelina Leivada.** From comparative linguistics to comparative (bio)linguistics: Reflections on variation. *Biolinguistics* 8, 53-66.
- 2014 **Evelina Leivada & Cedric Boeckx.** Schizophrenia and cortical blindness: Protective effects and implications for language. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* 8, 940.
- 2014 Cedric Boeckx, Anna Martínez-Álvarez & **Evelina Leivada.** The functional neuroanatomy of serial order in language. *Journal of Neurolinguistics* 32, 1-15.
- 2014 Cedric Boeckx & **Evelina Leivada.** On the particulars of Universal Grammar: Implications for acquisition. *Language Sciences* 46, 189-198.
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, Anna Martínez-Álvarez & **Evelina Leivada.** On the theoretical characterization of agrammatism: Resolving a paradox. *Stem-, Spraak- en Taalpathologie* 18(So1), 22-24.
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, **Evelina Leivada & Pedro Tiago Martins.** Language and complexity considerations: A biolinguistic perspective. *Llengua, Societat i Comunicació* 11, 20-26.
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx & **Evelina Leivada.** Entangled parametric hierarchies: Problems for an overspecified Universal Grammar. *PLoS ONE* 8(9), e72357.

REVIEWS

- 2012 **Evelina Leivada & Ana M. Suárez.** Lights and shadows in the evolution of language. *Biolinguistics* 6(2), 168-175.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS & CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- To appear **Evelina Leivada, Vittoria Dentella & Elliot Murphy.** *The Quo Vadis of the relationship between language and Large Language Models.* In José-Luis Mendívil-Giró (ed.), *Artificial Knowledge of Language.* Wilmington, DE: Vernon. [Preprint]

- To appear **Evelina Leivada** & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. *The Minimalist Program in the 2020s: Theory, Methodology, and the Road Ahead*. In Kleanthes K. Grohmann & Evelina Leivada (eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of the Minimalist Program*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Preprint]
- 2024 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Natalia Pavlou, Constantina Fotiou & **Evelina Leivada**. *Bilectal investigations of grammar*. In Giuliana Giusti, Piergiorgio Mura & Cristina Procentese (eds.), *Language Attitudes and Bi(dia)lectal Competence*. Venice: Linguaggio e Variazione — Variation in Language.
- 2021 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros & **Evelina Leivada**. *The mirage of the "impaired passive" and the Locus Preservation Hypothesis*. In Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Akemi Matsuya & Eva-Maria Remberger (eds.), *Passives Cross-Linguistically: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches*, 419-434. Leiden: Brill.
- 2020 Kleanthes K. Grohmann & **Evelina Leivada**. *Reconciling linguistic theories on comparative variation with an evolutionarily plausible language faculty*. In András Bárány, Theresa Biberauer, Jamie Douglas & Sten Vikner (eds.), *Syntactic Architecture and Its Consequences: Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives, Volume II: Between syntax and morphology*, 25-42. Berlin: Language Science Press. [pdf]
- 2017 **Evelina Leivada** & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. *Language acquisition in bilectal environments: Competing motivations, metalinguistic awareness, and the Socio-Syntax of Development Hypothesis*. In Gunther de Vogelaer & Matthias Katerbow (eds.), *Variation in Language Acquisition*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2017 Cedric Boeckx, Pedro Tiago Martins & **Evelina Leivada**. *Biolinguistics*. In Adam Ledgeway & Ian Roberts (eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Historical Syntax*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2016 Pedro Tiago Martins, **Evelina Leivada**, Lluís Barceló-Coblijn, Antonio Benítez-Burraco & Cedric Boeckx. *Biological pluralism in service of biolinguistics*. In Cedric Boeckx & Koji Fujita (eds.), *Advances in Biolinguistics: The Human Language Faculty and its Biological Basis*. London: Routledge.
- 2014 Elena Papadopoulou, **Evelina Leivada** & Natalia Pavlou. *Clitic placement in Cypriot Greek: A matter of lexical and syntactic stimulation?* In Kleanthes K. Grohmann & Theoni Neokleous (eds.), *Developments in the Acquisition of Clitics*. Newcastle-upon-Type: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- 2013 Natalia Pavlou, **Evelina Leivada** & Elena Papadopoulou. *The Cypriot embu and cleft sentences: An investigation of their (non)-exhaustive properties*. In Mark Janse, Brian D. Joseph, Angela Ralli & Metin Bagriacik (eds.), *Proceedings of the 5th International Conference of Modern Greek Dialects and Linguistic Theory*. Online Proceedings, Patras.
- 2013 Kleanthes K. Grohmann & **Evelina Leivada**. *Lightverbhood in child language: Evidence from Cypriot Greek*. In Elma Blom, Josje Verhagen & Ineke van de Craats (eds.), *Dummy Auxiliaries in First and Second Language Acquisition*. Berlin: Mouton De Gruyter.
- 2013 **Evelina Leivada**, Elena Papadopoulou & Natalia Pavlou. *The gray area of acceptability judgments: Clefts and exhaustivity in Cypriot Greek*. In Kelechukwu E. Ithemere (ed.), *Language Contact: A Multidimensional*

Perspective. Newcastle-upon-Type: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. [not available online, email me for a copy]

- 2012 Kleanthes K. Grohmann & **Evelina Leivada**. *Interface ingredients of dialect design: Bi-X, Socio-Syntax of Development, and the grammar of Cypriot Greek*. In Anna Maria Di Sciullo (ed.), *Towards a Biolinguistic Understanding of Grammar*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2012 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Eleni Theodorou, Natalia Pavlou, **Evelina Leivada**, Elena Papadopoulou & Silvia Martínez-Ferreiro. *The development of object clitic placement in Cypriot Greek and the Romance connection*. In Sandrine Ferré, Philippe Prévost, Laurie Tuller & Rasha Zebib (eds.), *Selected Proceedings of the Romance Turn IV Workshop on the Acquisition of Romance Languages*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- 2010 **Evelina Leivada**, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Anna Epistithiou. *Metalanguage or bidialectism? Acquisition of clitic placement by Hellenic Greeks, Greek Cypriots and binationals in the diglossic context of Cyprus*. Proceedings of ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics 2010, August 2010, Athens, Greece. Athens: ISCA and the University of Athens. [not available online, email me for a copy]
- 2010 Paraskevi Mavroudi, **Evelina Leivada** & Anna Epistithiou. *Acquisition of lightverbhood: Evidence from Cypriot Greek*. Proceedings of ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics 2010, August 2010, Athens, Greece. Athens: ISCA and the University of Athens. [not available online, email me for a copy]

GRANTS, AWARDS & FUNDED PROJECTS (PI unless indicated otherwise)

- 2026-2028 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation/National Research Agency: Juan de la Cierva Fellowship for Camilla Masullo. PI: Camilla Masullo. Supervisor: Evelina Leivada.
- 2025-2028 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation/National Research Agency & German Research Foundation: Joint funding (198,750 EUR) for project 'Measuring Semantic Similarity in Bilingual Humans and Language Models' (MESSI). Co-PIs: Evelina Leivada & Fritz Günther.
- 2024-2026 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation/National Research Agency: Consolidación Investigadora (336,380 EUR) for project 'The Language Understanding of Artificial Intelligence Applications' (TURING).
- 2022-2026 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation/National Research Agency: Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento (68,365 EUR) for project 'Adaptations to Multilingualism' (ATOM). Team members: Lúdia Gallego-Balsà, Esti Blanco-Elorrieta, Kleanthes Grohmann, Anna Pineda-Cirera.
- 2021-2024 Universitat Rovira i Virgili & European Commission: Martí i Franquès COFUND grant to hire a doctoral student. Hired researcher: Vittoria Dentella.
- 2021-2024 Universitat Rovira i Virgili & European Commission: Martí i Franquès

	COFUND grant to hire a doctoral student. Hired researcher: Camilla Masullo.
2020-2025	Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation/National Research Agency: Ramón y Cajal Fellowship (308,600 EUR). Ranked first in the category 'Mind, Language, and Thought'.
2020-2024	UiT-The Arctic University of Norway: Aurora Center grant 'Center for Language Acquisition, Variation & Attrition: The Dynamic Nature of Languages in the Mind' (PI: Marit Westergaard; 30,000,000 NOK).
2018-2020	UiT-The Arctic University of Norway: Selected for the AURORA Outstanding Program , which offers training to the most outstanding young researchers of every discipline on how to get competitive funding, acquire important management skills, and become future research leaders in their respective fields of study.
2018	European Union & UiT-The Arctic University of Norway: Erasmus+ Mobility Programme Funding for a research visit at the University of Reading (11,000 NOK). Grant declined due to scheduling conflicts.
2017	UiT-The Arctic University of Norway: Funding for organizing the 'Transdisciplinary Approaches to Language Variation' conference (100,000 NOK), Tromsø, Norway.
2017-2019	Horizon 2020 - Research and Innovation Framework Programme, European Commission: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (196,400 EUR), project 'Disentangling variation: A crosslinguistic investigation of bilingualism and non-standardization' (DIVA). Host institution: UiT-The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway.
April-July 2017	University of Cyprus: Post-doctoral research grant associated to the project 'A Cross-Linguistic Investigation of Acceptability Judgment Variation', funded by the A. G. Leventis Foundation (15,000 EUR, PI: Kleanthes Grohmann).
2016	UiT-The Arctic University of Norway: Grant for participating at the Arctic MSCA-IF Symposium, Tromsø, Norway.
2013	Best poster presentation award at the Language Sciences in the 21st Century: The Interdisciplinary Challenge (session Diversity and Universals), for 'Universals and Universal Grammar: A view from variation', University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
2012 & 2013	Cyprus State Scholarship Foundation: Scholarship of Excellence - First place in the national competition.
2011-2015	Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation: 4-year FPI grant for pursuing doctoral studies (ca. 40,000 EUR). Related to MINECO I+D+i project 'A New Biolinguistic Framework for Linguistic Variation', funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (PI: Cedric Boeckx).
2011	University of Cyprus, Department of English Studies: First prize to the graduating student with the highest grade point average.
2010	University of Cyprus, Department of English Studies: Grant for participating in the ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics, University of Athens, Greece.

- 2009 Short Term Scientific Mission awarded within COST Action ISO804 (European Union funds): Grant for visiting Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.
- 2009 University of Cyprus, Department of English Studies: Grant for participating in the 1st Summer School on Generative Studies in Second Language Acquisition, University of Cologne, Germany.
- 2009 COST (European Union funds): Grant for participating in the COST Training School in Language Acquisition Methods, Zentrum für allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany.
- 2008 University of Cyprus, Department of English Studies: Grant for participating in the Scottish Universities' International Summer School, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

SEMINARS & TALKS

[NB. In 2020-2023 I declined almost all invitations for talks. See section Career Breaks.]

INVITED

- 2025 Evelina Leivada. **Moving beyond WEIRD populations in bilingualism research.** *Satellite Workshop on Biolinguistics. The 4th Conference on Biolinguistics and Language Acquisition*, Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), China, 22 June.
- 2025 Evelina Leivada. **From multilingual humans to multilingual models: Comparing language processing in vivo and silico.** *Multilingual Processing in Psycholinguistics and Technology (MPPT)*, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway, 22-23 May.
- 2024 Evelina Leivada. **Measuring the impact of language distance on bilingual cognition: From micro-cues to multi-level metrics.** Invited Lecture at the *Center for Language, Brain & Learning (C-LaBL)*, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway, 7 November.
- 2024 Evelina Leivada. **Language distance and its role in cognitive adaptations to bilingualism.** Talk at the '*Special Interest Group on Experimental and Quantitative Approaches to Linguistic Typology and Evolution*', Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 13 July.
- 2024 Evelina Leivada. **Us vs. the Others: WEIRDness, otherhood and minoritization in bilingualism research.** *Rencontres Autour de la Linguistique Formelle (RALFE 2024)*. Workshop '*Formal approaches to minority, minorized or less studied languages in contact situations*', IKER Lab (UMR5478) & Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA), Bayonne, France, 5-7 June.
- 2024 Evelina Leivada. **Bilingual adaptations in the shadow of standard languages.** *2nd MULTILINGUA Meeting: Workshop on Bilingualism with Minority Languages*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 17-18 January.
- 2023 Evelina Leivada. **Revisiting bilingual adaptations: A new focus on**

- morphosyntax.** Seminar at the *Centre for Theoretical Linguistics (CLT)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, 27 January.
- 2022 Evelina Leivada. **Gender, motherhood, and academia.** Workshop *"Intersectional Experiences in Academia"*, University of Oslo, Norway, 10 March.
- 2021 Evelina Leivada. **Cognitive adaptations to bilingualism: Where, why, and how.** Seminar at the *Grup de Lingüística Formal*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 9 December.
- 2020 Evelina Leivada, Natalia Mitrofanova & Marit Westergaard. **Exploring bilingual effects on cognition through grammatical illusions.** CCCP workshop *Cross-Language Interplay in a Bilingual Mind*, Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience, Moscow, 10-11 December.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada. **Putting parametric variation to the test: On computational and sociolinguistic considerations.** *Trends in Formal Approaches to Variation*, Queen Mary University of London, 9-12 September.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada. **Where do adjective ordering restrictions come from?** Seminar at the *Centre for Theoretical Linguistics (CLT)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, 24 May.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada. **Applying for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship: The Do's and Don't's.** Seminar at the Department of Cultures and Civilizations, Università degli Studi di Verona, Italy, 7 May.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada. **An experimental approach to the rigidity of adjective ordering restrictions.** *2nd International Cyprus Undergraduate Linguistics Conference*, University of Cyprus, 16-17 February.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada. **Variation in cognitive development: Deciphering the bilingual advantage.** *Transdisciplinary Approaches to Language Variation 2*, Cyprus University of Technology & University of Cyprus, 15-16 February.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada. **Adjective ordering restrictions and the role of Universal Grammar.** Seminar at the *Grup de Lingüística Formal*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 10 January.
- 2018 Evelina Leivada. **Non-standard dialects and minority languages: Their role in education and their input in cognitive development.** Talk at the *Department of Primary and Secondary Teacher Education*, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, 5 March.
- 2018 Evelina Leivada. **The "dialect" design and its implications for Universal Grammar.** Seminar at the *Centre for Theoretical Linguistics (CLT)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, 12 January.
- 2017 Evelina Leivada. **Is it a verb or is it a noun? An exoskeletal approach to categories and Identity Avoidance.** Seminar at the *AcqVA* research group, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 21 November.
- 2017 Evelina Leivada. **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships: Career prospects and the road to a successful application.** Workshop *Transferrable Skills: Financial Mechanisms and Project Management*, Oslo and

Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Oslo, Norway, 1 November.

- 2017 Evelina Leivada. **Gender (in)equality from a linguistic perspective.** Keynote talk at the EU-funded workshop *Gender Equality in Cyprus*, 1 February, University of Cyprus.
- 2016 Evelina Leivada. **Research methods in linguistics: Understanding the 'dialect design' in neuro(a)typical individuals.** Seminar at the MA program in *Applied Linguistics*, University of Central Lancashire, 10 November.
- 2016 Evelina Leivada. **Approaching Label(s) from below.** *What's in a Label? The Categorical Status of Functional Categories.* Annesso Cartesiano, Arezzo, Italy, 28 September-1 October.
- 2016 Natalia Pavlou, Elena Papadopoulou & Evelina Leivada. **Code-mixing in a non-standardized speech repertoire: A corpus study.** *Septemberfest*, 10 September, University of Cyprus.
- 2016 Evelina Leivada. **Disentangling variation: Crosslinguistic investigations of bilingualism and non-standardization.** Seminar at the *LAVA Group*, UiT - The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway, 3 June.
- 2015 Evelina Leivada. **Crosslinguistic variation: Minding the gap.** Seminar at the *Grup de Lingüística Formal*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 5 June.
- 2014 Evelina Leivada. **Revisiting parametric schemata and the three factors in language design.** Talk at the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, 19 November.
- 2014 Evelina Leivada. **Patterns of variation across linguistic and cognitive phenotypes.** Talk at the CNRS-IKER colloquium, Bayonne, France, 17 November.
- 2014 Evelina Leivada. **Cognitive science and language: Panel discussant.** *Cognitive Science and Language workshop*, 30 June, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2013 Evelina Leivada. **The limits of variation across languages and pathologies.** *Comparative Bilingualism: An Exploratory Workshop*, 28-29 November, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2012 Evelina Leivada. **The primitives of Universal Grammar: Program analysis of parametric dependencies.** *ICREA International Symposium on Biolinguistics*, 1-3 October, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, [poster].

CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2025 Raquel Montero, Natalia Moskvina, Paolo Morosi, Elena Pagliarini & Evelina Leivada. **Exploring individual and community-level variation in quantifier scale.** *Going Romance 2025*, 3-5 December, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy. [poster]
- 2025 Evelina Leivada, Raquel Montero, Paolo Morosi, Natalia Moskvina,

- Tamara Serrano, Marcel Aguilar, Elliot Murphy & Fritz Günther.
Evaluating Large Language Models' sensitivity to illicit meaning and structure through probabilities. *Symposium on Empirical Approaches to Meaning and Structure (SEAMS)*, 21-23 November, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2025 Natalia Moskvina, Raquel Montero, Masaya Yoshida, Ferdy Hubers, Paolo Morosi, Walid Irhaymi, Jin Yan, Elena Pagliarini, Fritz Günther & Evelina Leivada. **Language comprehension in LLMs and humans across languages.** *1st International Workshop on Language and Language Models (WoLaLa)*, 20-21 November, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2025 Evelina Leivada, Raquel Montero, Paolo Morosi, Natalia Moskvina, Tamara Serrano, Marcel Aguilar, Elliot Murphy & Fritz Günther.
Evaluating Large Language Models' sensitivity to illicit meaning and structure through probabilities. *Symposium on Empirical Approaches to Meaning and Structure (SEAMS)*, 21-23 November, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2025 Natalia Moskvina, Raquel Montero, Masaya Yoshida, Ferdy Hubers, Paolo Morosi, Walid Irhaymi, Jin Yan, Elena Pagliarini, Fritz Günther & Evelina Leivada. **Does ChatGPT really understand you? Language comprehension across languages by humans and LLMs.** *21st Annual Conference of the Italian Association for Cognitive Science (AISC2025)*, 17-19 September, Lucca, Italy.
- 2025 Raquel Montero, Natalia Moskvina, Paolo Morosi, Elena Pagliarini & Evelina Leivada. **Vague quantification and object representation in humans vs. Large Vision Language Models.** *11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag 2025)*, 17-19 September, Cambridge, UK.
- 2025 Evelina Leivada, Fritz Günther, Camilla Masullo, Jon Andoni Duñabeitia, Marit Westergaard & Jason Rothman. **The unclear impact of language similarity on cognitive adaptations to bilingualism.** *34th Conference European Second Language Association (EuroSLA 2025)*, 25-28 June, Tromsø, Norway. [poster]
- 2025 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado, Beatrice Giustolisi & Evelina Leivada. **orphosyntactic processing in non-standard language bilingualism: Insights from Italian bilingual communities.** *15th International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB15)*, 9-13 June, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain. [poster]
- 2025 Evelina Leivada, Lara Kelly-Iturriaga, Camilla Masullo, Marit Westergaard & Jason Rothman. **The impact of language similarity on cognitive adaptations to bilingualism.** *15th International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB15)*, 9-13 June, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain. [poster]
- 2025 Evelina Leivada, Fritz Günther, Camilla Masullo, Jon Andoni Duñabeitia, Marit Westergaard & Jason Rothman. **Similarity in linguistic representations modulates cognitive adaptations to bilingualism in highly subtle and undetermined ways.** *XVII International Symposium of Psycholinguistics (ISP 2025)*, 26-28 May, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2025 Evelina Leivada, Camilla Masullo, Marit Westergaard & Jason Rothman. **Exploring the role of language distance in bilingual cognition.** *15th International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB15)*, 24-25 March, Edinburgh, UK. [poster]
- 2025 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado, Beatrice Giustolisi & Evelina Leivada. **Comparing morphosyntactic processing in standard and non-standard languages: Insights from two Italian bilingual communities.** *15th International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB15)*, 24-25 March, Edinburgh, UK.

- 2024 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado & Evelina Leivada. **How does bilingualism shape language processing? Insights from bilinguals of standard and non-standard languages.** *Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 2024*, 5-7 September, Edinburgh, UK.
- 2024 Evelina Leivada. **Being the Other: Bilingual effects arising in the shadow of big, standard languages.** *57th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, 21-24 August, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2024 Vittoria Dentella, Fritz Günther & Evelina Leivada. **Language Models' larger size does not bridge the gap with human performance.** *The 9th Conference of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition (SALC9)*, 5-7 June, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway.
- 2024 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado, Evelina Leivada & Antonella Sorace. **Linguistic register variation and linguistic background modulate the processing of morphosyntactic errors.** *Human Sentence Processing 2024*, 15-16 May, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.
- 2024 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado & Evelina Leivada. **Bilingualism, bidialectalism, and agreement attraction errors: A social-based approach to bilingual language processing.** *Conference on Multilingualism 2024*, 10-12 June, Aix-en-Provence, France.
- 2023 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado & Evelina Leivada. **Bilingualism, bidialectalism, and language processing: A sociolinguistic approach to bilingual adaptations.** *Bilingualism Matters 2023 Symposium*, 20-21 October, University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA.
- 2023 Camilla Masullo, Vittoria Dentella, & Evelina Leivada. **A systematic review of the elusive origin of bilingual adaptations on cognition.** *International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB) 14*, Macquarie University, 26-30 June, Australia.
- 2023 Camilla Masullo, Vittoria Dentella, & Evelina Leivada. **On the origin of bilingualism effects on cognition: social, cognitive or mixed? XVI** *International Symposium of Psycholinguistics*, Vitoria-Gasteiz, 30 May-2 June, Spain.
- 2023 Camilla Masullo, Alba Casado & Evelina Leivada. **A sociolinguistic approach to bilingual adaptations: Patterns of variation in bidialectal Italian communities.** *53rd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 53)*, 26-30 May, France.
- 2023 Vittoria Dentella, Evelina Leivada, Giulia Fullin & Carlo Semenza. **A complementary network-based perspective on agrammatism.** *European Workshop on Cognitive Neuropsychology 2023*, Bressanone, 22-27 January, Italy.
- 2022 Camilla Masullo, Vittoria Dentella, & Evelina Leivada. **Developing a social-based theory for the origin of bilingual adaptations on cognition.** *Bilingualism Matters Research Symposium (BMRS) 2022*, Edinburgh, 25-26 October, UK.
- 2022 Natalia Mitrofanova, Evelina Leivada & Marit Westergaard. **Crosslinguistic influence in L3 acquisition: Evidence from artificial language learning.** *L3 Workshop*, King's College London, 22-23 October, UK.
- 2022 Kleanthes Grohmann, Constantina Fotiou, Maria Kambanaros, Evelina

- Leivada & Natalia Pavlou. **Bilectal productions of clitic placement and 'free' grammatical variation.** *Optionality and Variation in Multilingual Syntax (OpVaMS) - 2nd Workshop*, University of Wuppertal, 5-7 October, Germany.
- 2022 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Evelina Leivada. **Cognitive adaptations to bilingualism: A PRISMA review.** *European Workshop on Cognitive Neuropsychology 2022*, Bressanone, 23-28 January, Italy. [poster]
- 2022 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Evelina Leivada. **On the distribution of bilingual effects.** *Science of Aphasia 2022*, Bordeaux, 12-15 September, France. [poster]
- 2022 Natalia Mitrofanova, Evelina Leivada & Marit Westergaard. **Crosslinguistic influence in L3 acquisition: Evidence from artificial language learning.** *51st Poznań Linguistic Meeting*, Adam Mickiewicz University, 8-10 September, Poland.
- 2022 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Evelina Leivada. **Bilingual disadvantages checked against bilingual advantages: A PRISMA review.** *EuroSLA31*, Fribourg, 24-27 August, Switzerland.
- 2022 Natalia Mitrofanova, Evelina Leivada & Marit Westergaard. **Crosslinguistic influence in L3 acquisition: Evidence from artificial language learning.** *Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA) 16*, NTNU The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 12-14 May, Norway.
- 2022 Evelina Leivada, Natalia Mitrofanova & Marit Westergaard. **Sources of variation in fallibility to grammatical illusions.** *11th Conference on Language Variation in Europe - ICLaVE 11*, University of Vienna, 11-14 April, Austria. [canceled participation due to reduced working hours]
- 2022 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Evelina Leivada. **Bilingual disadvantages and bilingual advantages compensate each other in a trade-off pattern.** *International Symposium on Monolingual and Bilingual Speech (ISMBS) 2022*, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 6-9 April, USA.
- 2022 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Evelina Leivada. **On the distribution of cognitive adaptations to bilingualism** *European Workshop on Cognitive Neuropsychology*, Bressanone, 25-28 January, Italy.
- 2021 Vittoria Dentella, Camilla Masullo & Evelina Leivada. **A bilingual disadvantage is systematically compensated by a bilingual advantage: A PRISMA review.** *New Approaches to Bilingualism and Multilingualism and Language Learning/Teaching Conference (BiMuLT)*, University of Cyprus, 20-21 November, Cyprus.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada, Natalia Mitrofanova & Marit Westergaard. **The impact of bilingualism in processing cognitive illusions.** *Capturing and Quantifying Individual Differences in Bilingualism workshop*, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway, 2-3 September, Tromsø.
- 2019 Evelina Leivada & Marit Westergaard. **A bilingual advantage in the processing of grammatical illusions.** *Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC)*, Universitat de les Illes Balears, 26-28 June, Mallorca.
- 2019 Antonio Fábregas & Evelina Leivada. **PF-Identity, deletion, repetition and**

- the nature of variable processes.** *29th Colloquium of Generative Grammar*, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, 22-24 May, Ciudad Real.
- 2019 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros, Evelina Leivada & Natalia Pavlou. **On 'free' clitic placement in production.** *41st Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society*, University of Bremen, 6-8 March, Bremen.
- 2018 Evelina Leivada & Marit Westergaard. **Is there a universal hierarchy for adjective ordering?** *Ao: The Adjective as a Lexical Category*, University of Cyprus & Bled Institute, 11-14 October, Bled.
- 2018 Evelina Leivada & Marit Westergaard. **On the acceptability of ungrammatical stimuli: What can grammatical illusions tell us about the bilingual advantage?** *Acceptability Judgments in Current Linguistic Theory*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 25-26 October, Barcelona.
- 2018 Evelina Leivada. **Identifying the bidialectal trajectory: Cognitive plus and linguistic cost.** *Transdisciplinary Approaches to Language Variation*, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway, 19-20 April, Tromsø.
- 2018 Evelina Leivada. **The benefits and costs of being bidialectal.** *Mallorca Lectures on Neurolinguistics*, Universitat de les Illes Balears, 14-15 June, Ibiza.
- 2017 Evelina Leivada. **Seven factors in 'dialect' design.** *Structural and Developmental Aspects of Bidialectalism*, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway, 25-26 October, Tromsø.
- 2017 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Maria Kambanaros & Evelina Leivada. **Revisiting impaired passives under the Locus Preservation Hypothesis.** *Passives: A Cross-Linguistic Workshop*. University of Vienna, 16-17 September, Vienna.
- 2017 Evelina Leivada, Natalia Pavlou & Elena Papadopoulou. **Functionally equivalent variants in spontaneous speech: Evidence from a non-standard variety.** *23rd International Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Linguistics*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 31 March-2 April, Thessaloniki.
- 2016 Evelina Leivada, Natalia Pavlou & Elena Papadopoulou. **From competing grammars to mixing grammars: A corpus study of bilectalism.** *2016 UIC Bilingualism Forum*, University of Illinois at Chicago, 20-21 October, Chicago.
- 2016 Evelina Leivada, Maria Kambanaros & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. **The Universally Preserved Loci Hypothesis: Evidence from Greek.** *6th Conference on Language Disorders in Greek*, Technological Educational Institute of Western Greece, 3-4 June, Patras.
- 2015 Evelina Leivada. **Aphasic grammar: Why are some parts (un)impaired?.** *16th International Science of Aphasia Conference*, 17-22 September, Aveiro. [poster]
- 2015 Evelina Leivada. **Delimiting language variation: A biolinguistic perspective.** *Formal Approaches to Morphosyntactic Variation*, The University of the Basque Country. 24-25 June, Vitoria-Gasteiz.
- 2015 Evelina Leivada. **On causality and comorbidity: A view from the**

- 'schizophrenia-blindness-language' triangle.** *Causality in the Language Sciences*, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, 13-15 April, Leipzig, Germany. [poster]
- 2015 Evelina Leivada. **(Non-)Manifested patterns of variation across linguistic and cognitive phenotypes.** *Biolinguistic Investigations on the Language Faculty*, Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori, 26-28 January, Pavia. [poster]
- 2015 Cedric Boeckx & Evelina Leivada. **Parametric hierarchies and the three factors in language design: A biolinguistic perspective.** *Biolinguistic Investigations on the Language Faculty*, Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori, 26-28 January, Pavia. [poster]
- 2014 Evelina Leivada, Pedro Tiago Martins & Cedric Boeckx. **Biology and environment in the evolution of language: Addressing the gap.** *33rd workshop on 'What Made Us Human? Biological and Cultural Evolution of Homo sapiens'*, 14-19 October, the "Ettore Majorana" Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, Sicily.
- 2014 Cedric Boeckx & Evelina Leivada. **The evolution of schizophrenia spectrum disorders and language in Homo Sapiens.** *33rd workshop on 'What Made Us Human? Biological and Cultural Evolution of Homo sapiens'*, 14-19 October, the "Ettore Majorana" Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, Sicily.
- 2014 Cedric Boeckx, Evelina Leivada, Pedro Tiago Martins & Antonio Benítez-Burraco. **From the language-ready brain to full-fledged linguistic systems.** *11th International Conference on General Linguistics - Biological foundations of language*, 21-23 May, University of Navarra.
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, Pedro Tiago Martins & Evelina Leivada **Putting an end to featuritis.** *Features in Phonology, Morphology, Syntax and Semantics: What Are They?*, 31 October-1 November, University of Tromsø.
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, Joana Rosselló, Anna Martínez-Álvarez, Pedro Tiago Martins & Evelina Leivada. **The role of the environment in the evolution of the language faculty.** *Language Sciences in the 21st Century: The Interdisciplinary Challenge*, 3-4 October, University of Cambridge. [poster]
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, Joana Rosselló, Anna Martínez-Álvarez, Pedro Tiago Martins & Evelina Leivada. **The role of the environment in the evolution of the language faculty.** *Language Sciences in the 21st Century: The Interdisciplinary Challenge*, 3-4 October, University of Cambridge. [poster]
- 2013 Pedro Tiago Martins & Evelina Leivada. **An evolutionary perspective on language and complexity.** *Language Sciences in the 21st Century: The Interdisciplinary Challenge*, 3-4 October, University of Cambridge. [poster]
- 2013 Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Cedric Boeckx & Evelina Leivada. **What's universal about Universal Grammar? Deeper layers of variation.** *Language Sciences in the 21st Century: The Interdisciplinary Challenge*, 3-4 October, University of Cambridge. [poster]
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx & Evelina Leivada. **Universals and Universal Grammar: A view from variation.** *Language Sciences in the 21st Century: The Interdisciplinary Challenge*, 3-4 October, University of Cambridge. [poster]

- 2013 Evelina Leivada, Cedric Boeckx, Joana Rosselló, Pedro Tiago Martins & Anna Martínez-Álvarez. **The evolution of the language faculty: Why the environment was key.** *ESHE - 3rd Annual Meeting*, 20-21 September, Vienna. [poster]
- 2013 Pedro Tiago Martins & Evelina Leivada. **Language and the evolution of complexity.** *ESHE - 3rd Annual Meeting*, 20-21 September, Vienna. [poster]
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, Anna Martínez-Álvarez & Evelina Leivada. **On the theoretical characterization of agrammatism: Resolving a paradox.** *14th International Science of Aphasia Conference*, 20-25 September, Brussels. [poster]
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx & Evelina Leivada. **Language variation and the nature of parametric dependencies.** *Towards a Theory of Syntactic Variation*, 5-7 June, The University of the Basque Country, Bilbao.
- 2013 Evelina Leivada & Cedric Boeckx. **Towards a (non-syntactic) theory of variation.** *Towards a Theory of Syntactic Variation*, 5-7 June, The University of the Basque Country, Bilbao.
- 2013 Evelina Leivada. **Reciprocal causation, the triple helix, and what we can learn from Evo-Devo about language genesis.** *International Conference on Evolutionary Patterns: Horizontal and Vertical Transmission in Micro- and Macroevolutionary Patterns of Biological and Sociocultural Evolution*, 27-29 May, University of Lisbon.
- 2013 Cedric Boeckx, Evelina Leivada, Anna Martínez-Álvarez, Pedro Tiago Martins & Joana Rosselló. **On the need of a new concept: Syntactic protolanguage.** *Ways to Protolanguage 3*, 25-26 May, Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław.
- 2013 Evelina Leivada & Pedro Tiago Martins. **(Biolinguistic) primitives lost in translation.** *GLOW 36: Workshop on Biolinguistics*, 2 April, Lund University. [poster]
- 2013 Evelina Leivada. **The emergent nature of parametric variation.** *GLOW 36: Workshop on Biolinguistics*, 2 April, Lund University. [poster]
- 2012 Cedric Boeckx, Anna Martínez-Álvarez & Evelina Leivada. **Agrammatism, cartography & tree pruning: Resolving a paradox.** *Three Factors and Beyond (3FB): The Socio-Syntax of (A)typical Language Acquisition and Development*, 16-18 November, University of Cyprus.
- 2012 Elena Papadopoulou, Evelina Leivada & Natalia Pavlou. **The gradient nature of acceptability judgments in bilectal populations.** *Three Factors and Beyond (3FB): The Socio-Syntax of (A)typical Language Acquisition and Development*, 16-18 November, University of Cyprus.
- 2012 Natalia Pavlou, Evelina Leivada & Elena Papadopoulou. **The Cypriot embu and cleft sentences: An investigation of their (non)exhaustive properties.** *5th International Conference on Modern Greek Dialects & Linguistic Theory*, 20-22 September, Universiteit Gent. [poster]
- 2012 Elena Papadopoulou, Evelina Leivada & Natalia Pavlou. **Clitic placement in Cypriot Greek: A matter of lexical and syntactic stimulation?.** *CYCLIA Workshop on the Acquisition of Clitics*, 25-26 May, University of Cyprus.

- 2012 Elena Papadopoulou, Natalia Pavlou, Evelina Leivada & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. **Acceptability judgments in bi-x populations: Clefts and exhaustivity in Cypriot Greek.** *Bilingual and Multilingual Interaction*, 30 March-1 April, Bangor University.
- 2012 Evelina Leivada, Maria Kambanaros & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. **Evaluating teachers' grammatical competence in dialect and standard language.** *Bilingual and Multilingual Interaction*, 30 March-1 April, Bangor University.
- 2011 Evelina Leivada, Elena Papadopoulou & Natalia Pavlou. **It is 'loss' that makes the difference: Clefts and exhaustivity in Cypriot Greek.** *2nd Westminster University Linguistics Conference: Language Contact-Change-Maintenance and Loss*, 22-23 July, University of Westminster.
- 2011 Kleanthes K. Grohmann & Evelina Leivada. **Towards disentangling bi-x: Metalinguistic awareness and competing motivations.** *2011 UIC Bilingualism Forum*, 14-15 April, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2010 Evelina Leivada & Phoevos Panagiotidis. **Interpretations of nominal ellipsis: Indefinite Argument Drop in Modern Greek.** *A Definiteness Workshop*, 18-19 November, University of Oslo, Norway.
- 2010 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Eleni Theodorou, Natalia Pavlou, Evelina Leivada, Elena Papadopoulou & Silvia Martínez-Ferreiro. **The acquisition of object clitics in Cypriot Greek and the Romance connection.** *The Romance Turn 4*, 25-27 August. Croix Montoire Conference Center, Tours, France.
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Anna Epistithiou. **Metalanguage or bidialectism? Acquisition of clitic placement by Hellenic Greeks, Greek Cypriots and binationals in the diglossic context of Cyprus.** *ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics 2010*, 25-27 August. ISCA and the University of Athens, Greece.
- 2010 Paraskevi Mavroudi, Evelina Leivada & Anna Epistithiou. **Acquisition of lightverbhood: Evidence from Cypriot Greek.** *ISCA Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics 2010*, 25-27 August. ISCA and the University of Athens, Greece. [poster]
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Anna Epistithiou, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Kleanthes K. Grohmann. **How much lightverbhood is there in child language? A study on the acquisition of kamno in Cypriot Greek.** *Dummy Auxiliaries in (A)typical First and Second Language Acquisition*, 1-2 July. Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, Netherlands.
- 2010 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Eleni Theodorou, Natalia Pavlou & Evelina Leivada. **Placement of object clitics in Cypriot Greek children: Preliminary results.** *Language Disorders in Greek 3*, 12-13 June. European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus. [poster]
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Anna Epistithiou. **(Meta)language in diglossic environments: Clitic placement by Hellenic Greek, Greek Cypriot, and Binational children.** *Language Disorders in Greek 3*, 12-13 June. European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus. [poster]
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Anna Epistithiou & Paraskevi Mavroudi. **Light verb constructions in Cypriot Greek: The acquisition of kamno.** *Language*

Disorders in Greek 3,12-13 June. European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus. [poster]

- 2010 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Eleni Theodorou, Natalia Pavlou & Evelina Leivada. **Object clitics in typically-developing and language-impaired Cypriot Greek children.** *Let the Children Speak: Learning of Critical Language Skills across 25 Languages* 34,22-24 January. Wellcome Collection, London. [poster]
- 2009 Evelina Leivada. **Lexical and inner aspect in Greek idioms.** *ConSOLE XVIII*, 17-19 December. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

OTHER CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Evelina Leivada. **Tips and tricks for proposal writing in linguistics.** Talk at Cyprus Acquisition Team, 15 March, Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus.
- 2013 Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Anna Martínez-Álvarez, Evelina Leivada, Pedro Tiago Martins & Cedric Boeckx. **Language and laterality: A more nuanced view.** *The Tarragona Laterality Conference*, 11-13 February, Institut Català de Paleoecologia Humana i Evolució Social, Tarragona, Spain. [poster]
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Anna Epistithiou. **(Meta)language in diglossic environments: Clitic placement by Hellenic Greek, Greek Cypriot, and binational children.** COST Action ISo804, 27 October. Larnaca, Cyprus. [poster]
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Anna Epistithiou & Paraskevi Mavroudi. **Light verb constructions in Cypriot Greek.** COST Action ISo804, 27 October. Larnaca, Cyprus. [poster]
- 2010 Kleanthes K. Grohmann, Eleni Theodorou, Natalia Pavlou & Evelina Leivada. **Object clitics in typically-developing and language-impaired Cypriot Greek children.** COST Action ISo804, 27 October. Larnaca, Cyprus. [poster]
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Anna Epistithiou & Paraskevi Mavroudi. **(Meta)language(s) or bidialectism? Acquisition of clitic placement by mainland Greeks, Greek Cypriots and biethnics in the diglossic context of Cyprus.** *Generative Approaches to Contrastive Linguistics* 4, 9 May, University of Cyprus.
- 2010 Evelina Leivada, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Anna Epistithiou. **How much lightverbhood is there in child language? Acquisition of *kamno* in Cypriot Greek.** *Generative Approaches to Contrastive Linguistics* 4, 9 May, University of Cyprus.
- 2009 Evelina Leivada. **Lexical, inner and grammatical aspect in Greek idiomatic expressions.** *Generative Approaches to Contrastive Linguistics* 3, 15-16 May, University of Cyprus.
- 2009 Anna Epistithiou, Paraskevi Hadjiefthymiou, Evelina Leivada, Paraskevi Mavroudi & Natalia Pavlou. **Light verb constructions in Cypriot Greek.** *Generative Approaches to Contrastive Linguistics* 3, 15-16 May, University of Cyprus.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EDITORIAL SERVICE

- 2019- **Biolinguistics** Associate editor for Psycholinguistics
- 2017- **Frontiers in Psychology** Guest Associate editor and Review editor for Language Sciences
- 2009-2018 **Biolinguistics** Task Team: Editing and formatting assistance to journal editor

TEACHING

- 2025 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
MA in Cognitive Science and Language
Course 'Foundations and Structure of Language'
[co-taught with Sergi Balari]
- 2024 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
MA in Cognitive Science and Language
Course 'Foundations and Structure of Language'
[co-taught with Sergi Balari]
- 2022 University of Greenwich
International Summer School on Multilingualism
Invited lecturer, course 'Bilingualism'
- 2019 Università degli Studi di Verona
MA in Linguistics
Invited lecturer, course 'Bilingualism in the Families, School and Society'
- 2017 Cyprus University of Technology
MSc in Brain and Cognitive Neuroscience
Lab sessions for course 'Brain and Higher Cognitive Functions'
- Cyprus University of Technology
BA in Rehabilitation Sciences
Course 'Neurocognitive Disorders'
Course 'Language Development'
- University of Cyprus
BA in English Language
Course 'Language and Mind'
- 2016 Cyprus University of Technology
BA in Rehabilitation Sciences
Course 'Introduction to Linguistics'
Course 'Phonetics & Phonology'
- 2014 Universitat de Barcelona
MA in Cognitive Science & Language
Invited lecturer in course 'Interdisciplinary Applications of Linguistic Concepts'

ADVISING & SUPERVISION

2025-	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - Thesis advisor Nikoleta Pantelidou, PhD dissertation. <i>TBA</i>
2025-	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - Thesis advisor Nina van der Linde, PhD dissertation. <i>TBA</i>
2025	Universitat de Barcelona - Committee member Nadine di Cio, MA thesis. <i>How bilingualism affects the identity of Arabic first-language speakers living in Israel</i>
2025	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - Thesis advisor Nikoleta Pantelidou, MA thesis. <i>Evaluating the cross-linguistic accuracy of Large Language Models in a novel Wug Test</i>
2022	Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Committee member Antonia Tovar, PhD dissertation. <i>Two mental disorders as disease models of language: linguistic (dis)organisation in schizophrenia and Huntington's disease</i>
2021-2024	Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Thesis advisor Vittoria Dentella, PhD dissertation. <i>Large Language Models: Language abilities and limitations</i> (co-advisor: Isabel Oltra-Massuet)
2021-2024	Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Thesis advisor Camilla Masullo, PhD dissertation. <i>A social theory of bilingual adaptations: How language experience and linguistic register variation modulate the processing of agreement attraction errors</i> (co-advisor: Isabel Oltra-Massuet)
2022	Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Committee member Antonia Tovar, PhD dissertation. <i>Two mental disorders as disease models of language: linguistic (dis)organisation in schizophrenia and Huntington's disease</i>
2022	Universitat de Barcelona - Committee member Ruoyang Shi, PhD dissertation. <i>Formal Thought Disorder in schizophrenia through the lens of Chinese</i>
2022	University of Bergen - Committee member Lars Boye Rosseland, MA thesis. <i>Have more people been to Paris than I have? Interpretations of comparative illusions in Norwegian</i>
2020	Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Committee member Miriam Guillem Morell, BA thesis/treball final de grau. <i>Teaching children in multilingual classrooms</i>
2020	Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Committee member Marc Montagull, BA thesis/treball final de grau. <i>Using gamification to enhance L2 learning</i>
2020	Universitat Rovira i Virgili - Committee member Jordi Rojas, BA thesis/treball final de grau. <i>Mobile assisted language learning</i>
2018	UiT The Arctic University of Norway - Committee member Kristina Svensen, PhD dissertation. <i>Los adjetivos deverbales en español: Un estudio nanosintàctico</i>

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

Since 2020 European Commission Expert: EX2020D381195

REVIEWING FOR AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS & FUNDING BODIES

2025 Horizon Europe Actions. European Commission.
2025 Research grants, Calleva Research Centre, Magdalen College, Oxford.
2025 Promotion to a tenured position, committee member. Cyprus University of Technology. Cyprus.
2024 Faculty position, committee member. Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA). France.
2024 State Research Agency/Agencia Estatal de Investigación. Spain.
2023 State Research Agency/Agencia Estatal de Investigación. Spain.
2022 Horizon Europe Actions. European Commission.
2022 State Research Agency/Agencia Estatal de Investigación. Spain.
2022 Marsden Fund. New Zealand Government.
2022 The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies. University of Freiburg.

REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS

Acta Psychologica [2024]
Applied Psycholinguistics [2022]
Artificial Intelligence Review [2023]
Bilingualism: Language & Cognition [2025]
Biolinguistics [2015, 2016, 2017]
Frontiers in Language Sciences [2017, 2019x4, 2020x3]
Frontiers in Psychology [2018, 2019x3, 2022]
Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics [2016]
Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development [2023]
Journal of Neurolinguistics [2019]
Language, Cognition and Neuroscience [2022, 2023]
Language Sciences [2024]
Languages [2020]
Linguistic Variation [2013]
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory [2020]
Open Mind: Discoveries in Cognitive Science [2021]
Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry [2018]
Schizophrenia Bulletin [2016]

REVIEWING FOR PUBLISHING HOUSES

Passives Cross-Linguistically: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches. Leiden: Brill. [2018]
LITMUS in Action: Comparative Studies across Europe. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. [2018]

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Upcoming/2026	Workshop 'Bilingual language processing: Bridging human and artificial cognition' CNRS/IKER 23-24 April [Head of the organizing committee]
2025	<i>Adaptations to Multilingualism and the Role of Linguistic Proximity (ATOM)</i> Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona 13-14 February [Head of the organizing committee]
2021	<i>Language and Aging. International Workshop on Language in Healthy and Pathological Aging</i> Universidad de Salamanca, Online event 29-30 April [Member of the scientific committee]
2020	<i>3rd International Cyprus Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (iCULC3)</i> University of Cyprus 28-29 November [Member of the scientific committee]
2019	<i>Biolinguistics Workshop</i> Universitat de les Illes Balears. Palma de Mallorca 26-28 June [Member of the scientific committee]
2018	<i>Transdisciplinary Approaches to Language Variation (TALV 1)</i> UiT-The Arctic University of Norway 19-20 April [Head of the organizing committee]
2013	<i>Comparative Biolinguistics: An exploratory workshop</i> Universitat de Barcelona 28-29 November [Member of the organizing committee]
2012	<i>ICREA International Symposium on Biolinguistics</i> Universitat de Barcelona 1-3 October [Member of the organizing committee]
2011	<i>Workshop on Verbal Elasticity</i> Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona 3-5 October [Member of the organizing committee]

PRINT & ONLINE MEDIA COVERAGE [selection]

Divulga UAB	Your favorite virtual assistant responds to you, but does it really understand you?
Technology Networks	Bilinguals are better at detecting grammatical illusions.

<i>El Periódico</i>	Un estudio afirma que un bilingüe detecta mejor un discurso manipulador.
<i>L'OBS</i>	Comment fonctionne vraiment le cerveau des bilingues.
<i>Nació Tarragona</i>	Els bilingües detecten millor els discursos manipuladors.
<i>COPE</i>	Los bilingües detectan mejor que los monolingües los discursos manipuladores.
<i>URVACTIV@</i>	Bilinguals are better than monolinguals in detecting manipulative discourse
<i>NIUS</i>	Los bilingües detectan mejor que los monolingües los discursos manipuladores.
<i>Aprendemas</i>	Las personas bilingües tienen la capacidad de detectar mejor las manipulaciones en un discurso.
<i>American Association for the Advancement of Science</i>	Bilinguals are better than monolinguals in detecting manipulative discourse.
<i>MeD India</i>	Who can detect manipulative discourse better?
<i>Research*EU</i>	Seeing grammar through the eyes of bilinguals.
<i>ABC News</i>	Grammar's subject-verb and singular-plural agreements were violated even by Shakespeare.
<i>Psychology Today</i>	Blindness and schizophrenia: the exception proves the rule.
<i>Mind Hacks</i>	More on the enigma of blindness and psychosis.
<i>Research Digest</i>	New findings "lend confidence" to the idea that cortical blindness eliminates the risk of developing schizophrenia.
<i>Evolución y Neurociencias</i>	Ceguera y esquizofrenia.
<i>Psicología Psy.CO</i>	Ceguera y esquizofrenia: la excepción demuestra la regla.

RADIO COVERAGE [selection]

<i>Onca Cero</i>	Hablamos de bilingüismo con Pablo Alcaraz. [October 2021]
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MEDIA POPULARIZATION RELATED TO SCIENCE POLICY

<i>El Diario</i>	La Ley de Ciencia deja de penalizar a los investigadores con contrato temporal que cojan permisos para cuidar.
<i>Personal Blog at Medium</i>	Invisible women in academia.
<i>Personal Blog at Medium</i>	Barbara Streisand meets Data Colada: The story of what happened

post-publication after I revisited a very popular study in bilingualism research.

*Personal Blog at
Medium
El Diario*

Victory has a thousand mothers.

Las ayudas del Ministerio de Ciencia que hacen a Evelina elegir entre cuidar a su hija prematura o acabar su investigación.

*Personal Blog at
Medium*

The day I was asked to choose between caring for my preterm baby and my job in academia.

*Personal Blog at
Medium
Project
dissemination at
UiT*

Motherhood, tenure-clock, and the Next Big Grant.

Understanding what makes us human.