

# CV - Prof. Anita Auer, Ph.D.

## 1. Personal Information

Date and place of birth Linz (Austria), 26 August 1975  
Nationality Austrian  
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## 2. Education (Academic only)

2005 PhD in English and German Historical Linguistics, University of Manchester (UK): *Language Standardisation and Prescription in the Eighteenth Century. The Subjunctive in English and (Austrian) German* (without corrections, i.e. with distinction (top 5%))  
2001/2 Teacher training in English, Psychology, Philosophy, Vienna (Austria)  
2000 Mag. Phil. In English and American Studies, Psychology, Philosophy, Pedagogics, incl. of teacher training in these subjects: Mag. Phil. Dissertation in English Historical Linguistics: *Morphophonemic Alternations in Old English* (with distinction)

## 3. Professional history including current position

Since 2/2014 Full Professor of English Linguistics at the University of Lausanne (CH)  
Autumn 2012 Honorary Fellow at the University of Madison, Wisconsin (US)  
11/2011–1/2014 Associate Professor (permanent; 100%) in English Language & Culture, Utrecht University (NL)  
9/2010–10/2011 Assistant Professor (permanent; 100%) in English Language & Culture, Utrecht University (NL)  
9/2009–8/2010 Assistant Professor (fixed-term; 100%) in English Language & Culture, Utrecht University (NL)  
9/2008–8/2009 Assistant Professor (60% teaching) in English Language & Culture, Utrecht University (NL);  
Maternity leave (twins) from 18 July to 6 November 2009.  
Summer 2007 Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Cornell (US)  
8/2005–7/2009 Postdoc position (40% research), NWO-funded Vici-project “The Codifiers and the English Language” (PI: Ingrid Tiekens-Boon van Ostade), Leiden University (NL)  
8/2007–8/2008 Lecturer in English Language & Culture (60% teaching), Leiden University (NL)  
8/2005–8/2007 Lecturer in English Language & Culture (45% teaching), Leiden University (NL)  
2/2005–7/2005 Lecturer in English Language & Culture (40% teaching), Liverpool Hope University (UK)

## 4. Institutional / national responsibilities (current, selection)

- President of the Swiss Association of University Teachers of English (SAUTE; since May 2019)
- Head of the English Department (from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020)
- Chair of English Linguistics (since 2014)
- Member of the *Commission de la Recherche, Faculté des Lettres*
- Member of the *groupe des expert-e-s internes des évaluations des cursus UNIL*
- Member of the *groupe de travail sur les compétences langagières (mandaté par la Direction de l'UNIL)*

## 5. Approved research projects / research funding (excl. seed funding, conference funding and bursaries)

2019 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) project funding for the 4-year project “The Language of the Labouring Poor in Late Modern England” (2020-2024; project number: 100015\_188879; **CHF 819'400**)  
2017 CROSS UNIL-EPFL project “Multimodal Linguistic Crowdsourcing: Tracing Swiss Heritage Speakers’ Identities in North America”, with A. Xanthos & D. Gatica-Perez (**CHF 60'000**);  
2016 Pedagogical Innovation Project “English Language Toolkit”, University of Lausanne (**CHF 28'590**);  
2012 *Appreciation award (ERC runner-up)* (**€250'000**), Utrecht University Board (NL);

- 2011 Aspasia grant 2011 laureate (€200'000), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research;
- 2006-2011 Initiator, preparation and advisory board: *The GerManC Project: A Representative Historical Corpus of German 1650-1800* (University of Manchester, UK), funded by ESRC (no. RES-000-22-1609) and AHRC (no. RES-062-23-1118).

## 6. Supervision of junior researchers at graduate and postgraduate level

I have much experience in the supervision of BA, MA and PhD theses (3 completed, 2 ongoing). At Utrecht University, Moragh Gordon successfully defended her PhD thesis in November 2017. At the Université de Lausanne, Alesia Rochat successfully defended her PhD thesis in January 2019, and Tino Oudesluijs successfully defended his PhD thesis in September 2019. Last academic year, I supervised a Swiss Government Excellence Scholar from Shanghai University.

## 7. Teaching activities (summary information)

I have been designing, delivering and assessing courses at university level (undergraduate and postgraduate) since 2001, notably in the UK, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Selected courses are the following: *Language History and Language Change*, *Corpus Linguistics*, *Historical Sociolinguistics*, *Language Variation and Change in English (Historical) Linguistics*, *The Politics of Language*, *The Language of Letters*, *Language and Identity*, *Language and Migration*, *The Language of the Labouring Poor*. I have co-organised doctoral workshops on big data and bad data and methods in heritage language research. Moreover, I have co-organised the summer school in Historical Sociolinguistics at the University of Lausanne in summer 2018, and I co-organise (with Dr. Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, Prof. Michael Piotrowski and Dr. Isaac Pante) a one-week summer school on 'Digital Methods in the Humanities and Social Sciences' in July 2020.

## 8. Membership in panels, boards, etc. and individual scientific reviewing activities (current; selection)

- Member of the executive committee of the UNIL-EPFL Centre of Digital Humanities, since December 2018.
- External SNF commission member (Instrument SNSF Eccellenza), since 2017.
- Initiator and coordinator of the outreach project *Vaud Multilingue* (University of Lausanne, CH).
- Advisory board member of the AHRC-funded networking project *Digitising Experiences of Migration: The Development of Interconnected Letter Collections* (PI Hilary Nesi, Emma Moreton, University of Coventry, UK).
- Editorial board member of *Atlantis. Journal of the Spanish Association for Anglo-American Studies* and the book series *Sociohistorical Linguistics: Studies on Language and Society in the Past* (peer-review, Peter Lang).
- Co-editor (with Gijsbert Rutten, Rik Vosters and José de Valle) of the *Journal of Sociohistorical Linguistics* (international and peer-reviewed; Mouton de Gruyter).
- Reviewer for international journals, funding organisations, scientific committees of international conferences (selection): *Transactions of the Philological Society (TPS)*, *Lingua*, *Folia Linguistica Historica*, *English Language and Linguistics*, *Atlantis*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Linguistic Variation*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) Research Council, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Swiss National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, John Benjamins Publishing Company.

## 9. Active memberships in scientific societies, fellowships in renowned academies

Selected membership of academic societies: Philological Society, Historical Sociolinguistics Network, The International Society of the Linguistics of English, European Society for the Study of English, SAUTE: the Swiss Association of University Teachers of English.

## 10. Organisation of conferences / international workshops (restricted to last 5 years; selection)

- 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on *Comparative Migration Linguistics*, Crêt Bérard (CH), 6-8 October 2019.  
*Historical Sociolinguistics Heritage Language Workshop*, Les Diablerets (CH), 7-9 June 2019.
- 2018 Doctoral workshop on *Methodological Approaches to Synchronic and Diachronic Heritage Language Data*, Université de Lausanne (CH), 16-17 February 2018.

- 2017 International Conference *Approaches to Migration, Language and Identity*, Université de Lausanne (CH), 4-6 May 2017.
- 2016 Colloquium *Exploring attitude and prestige in the 'heritage language' context: a cross-linguistic perspective*, at the Sociolinguistics Symposium, University of Murcia (Spain), June 2016.  
International Symposium *Urbanisation in the British Isles: a historical and interdisciplinary perspective*, University of Lausanne (CH), 22-23 April 2016.
- 2015 International Workshop *Interdisciplinary perspectives on the North of England in the later Middle Ages*, University of Lausanne (CH), 7-8 September 2015.  
International Workshop *Codex Bononiensis*, University of Lausanne (CH), 17 April 2015.
- 2014 International Conference *Mobility, Variability and Changing Literacies in Modern Times*, Utrecht University (NL), 11-13 June 2014.  
International symposium *Language Contact in the West Germanic Languages, 400-1200*, Utrecht University (NL), 15 June 2012, as part of the meetings of the Philological Society, UK.

## 11. Output (selection)

For a full list of publications, please check <http://anita-auer.com/> under “Publications”

### a. Peer-reviewed articles (international, original publications)

- Oudesluijs, Tino & Anita Auer. 2019. Geographical Variation in Late Medieval Administrative Documents: Evidence from York and Coventry. In Merja Stenroos et al. (eds.), *Essays and Studies in Middle English - 10th International Conference on Middle English*. Bern: Peter Lang.
- Auer, Anita. 2019. Die Stadtsprache Yorks im späten Mittelalter. Ein Baustein zu einer alternativen Standardisierungsgeschichte des Englischen. In Simon Pickl & Stephan Elspaß (eds.), *Historische Soziolinguistik der Stadtsprachen. Kontakt – Variation – Wandel*. Heidelberg: Winter (Germanistische Bibliothek).
- Auer, Anita & Mikko Laitinen. 2019. Introduction to Mobility, Variability and Changing Literacies in Modern Times. *Special Issue of Neuphilologische Mitteilungen*.
- Auer, Anita. 2019. Linguistic Regionalism in the York Corpus Christi Plays. In Anita Auer, Denis Renevey, Camille Marshall & Tino Oudesluijs (eds.), *Revisiting the Medieval North: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, pp. 111-122. Cardiff: University of Wales Press.
- Auer, Anita, Denis Renevey, Camille Marshall & Tino Oudesluijs. 2019. Setting the Scene: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Medieval North of England. In Anita Auer, Denis Renevey, Camille Marshall & Tino Oudesluijs (eds.), *Revisiting the Medieval North: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, pp. 1-12. Cardiff: University of Wales Press.
- Auer, Anita & Alexandra Derungs. 2018. Preserving Swiss Dialect Features in the Diaspora: The Case of New Glarus. In Karoline Kühl & Jan Heegård Petersen (eds.), *Selected Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Immigrant Languages in the Americas, Copenhagen 2017*, pp. 1-8. Somerville, MA, USA: Cascadilla.
- Auer, Anita. 2018. Jane Austen's Sensitivity to the Subjunctive as a Social Shibboleth. In Margaret Tudeau-Clayton & Martin Hilpert (eds.), *The Challenge of Change* (Swiss Papers in English Language and Literature (SPELL), Vol. 36), pp. 153-174. Tübingen: Narr.
- Kasstan, Jonathan Richard, Anita Auer & Joe Salmons (eds.). 2018. Introduction to the Special Issue 'Heritage-Language Speakers: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges on Sociolinguistic Attitudes and Prestige', *International Journal of Bilingualism*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1367006918762151>
- Auer, Anita. 2018. Urban Literacies and Processes of Supralocalisation: A Historical Sociolinguistic Perspective. In Natalie Braber & Sandra Jansen (eds.), *Sociolinguistics in England*, pp. 13-34. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Säily, Tanja, Arja Nurmi, Minna Palander-Collin & Anita Auer (eds.). 2017. The Future of Historical Sociolinguistics. In Säily, Tanja, Arja Nurmi, Minna Palander-Collin & Anita Auer (eds.), *Exploring Future Paths in Historical Sociolinguistics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Auer, Anita, Moragh Gordon & Mike Olson. 2016. English Urban Vernaculars, 1400-1700: Digitising Text from Manuscript. In María José López-Couso, Belén Méndez-Naya, Paloma Núñez-Pertejo, Ignacio Palacios (eds.), *Corpus linguistics on the Move: Exploring and Understanding English through Corpora*. Leiden: Brill.
- Auer, Anita. 2016. Chapter 2. The Origin and Development of the iffy-an(d) Conjunction. In Anita Auer, Victorina González-Díaz, Jane Hodson & Violeta Sotirova (eds.), *Linguistics and Literary History. In Honour of Sylvia Adamson*, pp. 31-48. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Auer, Anita, Catharina Peersman, Simon Pickl, Gijsbert Rutten & Rik Vosters. 2015. Historical Sociolinguistics: the Field and its Future. *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics* Volume 1(1): 1–12.
- Auer, Anita. 2015. Stylistic Variation in Modern English Letters. In Anita Auer, Daniel Schreier & Richard J. Watts (eds.), *Letter Writing and Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Auer, Anita, Daniel Schreier & Richard J. Watts. 2015. Epilogue: Where next? In Anita Auer, Daniel Schreier & Richard J. Watts (eds.), *Letter Writing and Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Auer, Anita.** 2014. Nineteenth-century English: Norms and usage. In Gijsbert Rutten, Rik Vosters & Wim Vandenburg (eds.), *Norms and Usage in Language History, 1600–1900. A Sociolinguistic and Comparative Perspective*, pp. 151-170. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Auer, Anita.** 2014. *Let's not, Let's don't and Don't let's* in British and American English. In Marianne Hundt (ed.), *The Syntax of Late Modern English*, pp. 38-55. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Auer, Anita,** Mikko Laitinen, Moragh Gordon & Tony Fairman. 2014. An Electronic Corpus of *Letters of Artisans and the Labouring Poor* (England, c. 1750-1835): Compilation Principles and Coding Conventions. In Lieven Vandelanotte, Kristin Davidse, Caroline Gentens & Ditte Kemps (eds.), *Recent Advances in Corpus Linguistics. Developing and Exploiting Corpora*, pp. 9-29. Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi.
- Anita Auer** & Mikko Laitinen. 2014. Letters of Artisans and the Labouring Poor (England, c. 1750-1835). Approaching Linguistic Diversity in Late Modern English. In Simone E. Pfenninger, Olga Timofeeva, Anne-Christine Gardner, Alpo Honkapohja, Marianne Hundt & Daniel Schreier (eds.), *Contact, Variation and Change in the History of English*, pp. 187-212. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Auer, Anita** & Tony Fairman. 2013. Letters of Artisans and the Labouring Poor (England, c. 1750-1835). In Paul Bennett, Martin Durrell, Silke Scheible & Richard Jason Whitt (eds.), *New Methods in Historical Corpora*, pp. 77-91. Tübingen: Narr Verlag.
- Auer, Anita** & Marcel Withoos. 2013. Social Stratification and Stylistic Choices in Thomas Dekker's *The Shoemaker's Holiday* (1600). In Dirk Delabastita & Ton Hoenselaars (eds.), *Multilingualism in the Drama of Shakespeare and His Contemporaries (Special Issue English Text Construction 6.1)*, pp. 134-157. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

#### **b. Monographs, edited volumes, journal editorship (international, peer-reviewed)**

- Auer, Anita,** Catharina Peersman, Simon Pickl, Gijsbert Rutten & Rik Vosters (eds.). 2015-2020. *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics*. Berlin & New York: De Gruyter Mouton. (Open Access)
- Auer, Anita** & Mikko Laitinen (eds.). 2019. Mobility, Variability and Changing Literacies in Modern Times. *Special Issue of Neuphilologische Mitteilungen*.
- Auer, Anita,** Denis Renevey, Camille Marshall & Tino Oudesluijs (eds.). 2019. *Revisiting the Medieval North of England: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press.
- Kasstan, J. R., **Auer A.** & J. Salmons (eds.). 2018. Special issue: "Heritage-language speakers: theoretical and empirical challenges on sociolinguistic attitudes and prestige". *International Journal of Bilingualism*.
- Säily, Tanja, Arja Nurmi, Minna Palander-Collin & **Anita Auer** (eds.). 2017. *Exploring Future Paths in Historical Sociolinguistics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Auer, Anita,** Victorina Gonzalez-Diaz, Jane Hodson & Violeta Sotirova (eds.). 2016. *Linguistics and Literary History*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Auer, Anita** & Michiel de Vaan (eds.). 2016. *Le palimpseste gotique de Bologne. Études philologiques et linguistiques. / The Gothic Palimpsest from Bologna. Philological and Linguistic Studies. Cahier de l'ILSL n° 50*. Lausanne.
- Auer, Anita,** Daniel Schreier & Richard J. Watts (eds.). 2015. *Letter Writing and Language Change*. (Series: Studies in English Language). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Auer, Anita** & Björn Köhnlein (eds.). 2014. *Linguistics in the Netherlands 31 (2014)*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Aalberse, Suzanne & **Anita Auer** (eds.). 2013. *Linguistics in the Netherlands 30 (2013)*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

#### **c. Book contributions (handbook articles; international and peer-reviewed)**

- Auer, Anita.** 2012. Late Modern English Standardization. In Laurel Brinton & Alexander Bergs (eds.), *Historical Linguistics of English: An International Handbook*, pp. 939-951. New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Auer, Anita** & Anja Voeste. 2012. Linguistic and Socio-Demographic Variables: Grammatical Variables. In Juan Manuel Hernández-Campoy & Juan Camillo Conde-Silvestre (eds.), *The Handbook of Historical Sociolinguistics*, pp. 253-270. Malden, MA.: Blackwell.

#### **d. Oral contributions to international conferences / invited talks (2016-2019 only; selection)**

- « Urbanisation, Supralocalization and the Emergence of Standard English », plenary speaker at the *International Conference of Historical Linguistics*, Australian National University in Canberra, 1-5 July 2019.
- « Die Verwendung des Konjunktivs II in den neudeutschen Komödien des oberdeutschen Benediktinermönchs Maurus Lindemayr (1723-1783) », plenary speaker at the conference *Deutscher Sprachgebrauch im 18. Jahrhundert: Sprachmentalität, Sprachwirklichkeit, Sprachreichtum*, Catholic University Eichstätt (D), 9-10 May 2019.
- « Of Zibele and Bölle: Intra-individual Variation in the Swiss language Island New Glarus (North America) », keynote speaker at the international workshop on *Intra-individual Variation in Language*, University of Salzburg (AUT), 24-25 April 2019.
- « The Glarus Dialect in the American Midwest », doctoral workshop on *Language, Dialect and Periphery*, University of Bern, 13-15 December 2018.
- « Re(de)fining the beginnings of written Standard English », plenary speaker at Fifth International Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE), University College London, 17-20 July 2019.
- « Language Shift, Variation and Supralocalisation in Early English Urban Vernaculars », keynote speaker at the University of Zurich, 27 October 2017.

- « Preserving Swiss Dialect Features in the Diaspora: The Case of New Glarus », conference presentation with Alexandra Derungs at the *Workshop on Immigrant Languages in the Americas*, University of Copenhagen, 12-14 October 2017.
- « Jane Austen's Sensitivity to the Subjunctive as a Social Shibboleth », SAUTE conference, Université de Neuchâtel, 28-29 April 2017.
- « Multilingualism and Urban Literacies in Late Medieval England », keynote speaker at University of Cambridge (UK), conference on *The Emergence of Standard English in Multilingual Britain, c.1300-1800*, 20-21 April 2017.
- « Multilingual Printing in Early Modern England », conference presentation with Rosie Shute (Sheffield) University of Cambridge (UK), conference on *The Emergence of Standard English in Multilingual Britain, c.1300-1800*, 20-21 April 2017.
- « Preserving Swiss Dialects in the Diaspora: The Social Life of a Wisconsin Language Island », plenary speaker at the University of New York (US), *Historical Sociolinguistics Network 2017 Conference*, 6-7 April 2017.
- « The effect of variation in education on letter writing practices », invited talk at the University of Zurich, *Egdocs – International Interdisciplinary Symposium*, 9-10 March 2017.
- « The Politics of Language: How the Past Informs the Future », invited talk at Lancaster University at the Institute for Social Futures, 14 February 2017.
- « Urban Literacies and Processes of Supralocalization: A Historical Sociolinguistic Perspective », invited talk at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (US), 9 November 2016.
- « Die Stadtsprache von York im späten Mittelalter », conference presentation at the *Stadtsprachenkongress*, University of Salzburg (Austria), 19-20 September 2016.
- « Urban Literacies and the Emergence of Standard English », invited talk by the *Swiss Association of University Teachers of English (SAUTE)*, University of Bern, 8 April 2016.

#### e. Outreach activities

- Regular organisation of public talks, advent quiz, sharing of scientific information with the general public in the context of the project *Vaud Multilingue* (see: [vaudmultilingue.ch](http://vaudmultilingue.ch)).
- « Swiss-German Heritage Languages in Wisconsin », invited talk at the *Fall Fest*, organised by the *Max Kade Institute of German-American Studies*, Madison (US), 9 November 2016.
- « Schweizer Sprachinseln in Nordamerika: New Glarus, Green County », invited talk with Alexandra Derungs at the city of Glarus (Switzerland), 29 January 2017.
- Interviews in the media, podcasts on research findings, experiences, e.g. on Swiss dialects in the diaspora:  
[https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/podcast\\_language-connects-swiss-migrants-to-home/42785380](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/podcast_language-connects-swiss-migrants-to-home/42785380)  
<https://www.srf.ch/sendungen/schnabelweid/er-het-e-pfiife-gsmoukt>  
<https://www.srf.ch/sendungen/kontext/auswandererdialekte-spuren-der-migration>  
 Interview about different university systems in the Austrian newspaper *Die Presse*:  
<http://www.pressreader.com/austria/die-presse/20170304/282127816264020>

#### f. General contributions to science

- Initiator and coordinator of the outreach project *Vaud Multilingue* (see: [vaudmultilingue.ch](http://vaudmultilingue.ch))
- Initiator and coordinator of the international research network “Swiss Islands in North America: A Research Network that Investigates Language Maintenance and Shift amongst Heritage Speakers Past and Present” (see: <http://wp.unil.ch/sina>)

#### g. Other artefacts with documented use

In the context of the research project *Emerging Standards: Urbanisation and the Development of Standard English, c.1400-1700*, Mike Olson has created “an open-source framework for the Oxygen XML Editor that allows historians and historical linguists to transcribe texts in TEI in a word-processor-like view” (<http://www.histei.info/p/home.html>).