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EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Researcher in NLP



Applied Computational Linguistics Lab, Goethe University Frankfurt
Research Assistant & PhD Candidate between 2013–2019

📅 September 2019 – Ongoing 📍 Frankfurt, Germany

- Developed a **state-of-the-art Chinese implicit discourse parser**.
- Grant acquisition, teaching, thesis supervisor for B./M.Sc. students.

Computational Linguist Intern



Google

📅 July 2019 – September 2019 📍 Zurich, Switzerland

- Implemented a semantic topic framework for dialog modeling NLU.

Research Intern



SONY Deutschland GmbH, Stgt Tech Center, Speech & Sound Group

📅 October 2010 – March 2011 📍 Stuttgart, Germany

- **Successful patent grant** for multi-language sentiment analysis.

Software Development Intern



IBM Deutschland GmbH, Text Analysis, Information Management

📅 August 2009 – January 2010 📍 Böblingen, Germany

- Analysis of user-generated content and **integration into IBM product**.

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Self-Developed Design of “Beta Writer”

The First Entirely Machine-Generated Research Book

📅 April 2019 📍 In cooperation with **SPRINGER NATURE**

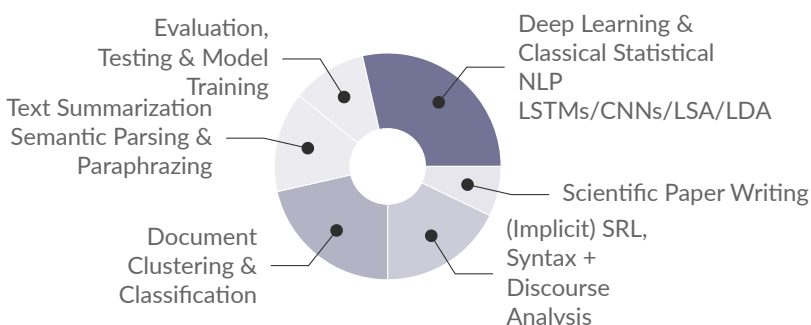
GSoC Mentor 2018 & 2019 🏆 Google Summer of Code

Machine Translation & Automated Analysis of Cuneiform Languages

📅 Summer 2018, 2019 📍 Frankfurt/Toronto/Mumbai, Delhi

- Mentored **Bakhtiyar Syed** and **Ravneet Punia** who implemented the first **Sumerian** machine translation and semantic role labeling system.

NLP RESEARCH INTERESTS



PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Java ●●●●●

Python ●●●●●

R ●●●●●

FRAMEWORKS

Keras PyTorch Deeplearning4J

Hugging Face Transformers

ZK JAX-RS Google Web Toolkit

REVIEW ACTIVITY

🎓 Member of Program Committees
ACL '18, '19, '20, EMNLP '18/-IJCNLP '19, '20, SIGDIAL '17, '18, '19, ...

EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science / NLP
Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

📅 January 2015 – September 2019

Thesis: *Retrieving Implicit Relations from Text: Hidden Semantics and Natural Language Processing*

Final grade: **summa cum laude** (excellent)

M.A. in Computational Linguistics
University of Tübingen, Germany

📅 April 2011 – March 2013

Thesis: *A Suffix-Array Based Algorithm for the Extraction of Enhanced N-Grams*

Final grade: 1.0 (A)

B.A. in Computational Linguistics
University of Tübingen, Germany

📅 October 2007 – October 2010

Thesis: *A Finite-State Approach to Sentiment Analysis*, Final grade: 1.3 (A-)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Article

- Chiarcos, Christian et al. (2018a). "Annotating a Low-Resource Language with LLOD Technology: Sumerian Morphology and Syntax". In: *Information* 9.11, p. 290. DOI: 10.3390/info9110290. URL: <https://doi.org/10.3390/info9110290>.

Conference Proceedings

- Chiarcos, Christian and Niko Schenk (2019). "CoNLL-Merge: Efficient Harmonization of Concurrent Tokenization and Textual Variation". In: *2nd Conference on Language, Data and Knowledge (LDK 2019)*. Ed. by Maria Eskevich et al. Vol. 70. OpenAccess Series in Informatics (OASIScs). Dagstuhl, Germany: Schloss Dagstuhl–Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik, 7:1–7:14. ISBN: 978-3-95977-105-4. DOI: 10.4230/OASIScs.LDK.2019.7. URL: <http://drops.dagstuhl.de/opus/volltexte/2019/10371/pdf/OASIScs-LDK-2019-7.pdf>.
- – (2018). "The ACoLi CoNLL Libraries: Beyond Tab-Separated Values". In: *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, LREC 2018, Miyazaki, Japan, May 7-12, 2018*. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/L18-1090>.
- Chiarcos, Christian et al. (2018b). "Towards a Linked Open Data Edition of Sumerian Corpora". In: *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, LREC 2018, Miyazaki, Japan, May 7-12, 2018*. URL: <http://www.lrec-conf.org/proceedings/lrec2018/pdf/862.pdf>.
- Schenk, Niko and Christian Chiarcos (2017). "Resource-Lean Modeling of Coherence in Commonsense Stories". In: *Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Linking Models of Lexical, Sentential and Discourse-level Semantics*. Valencia, Spain: Association for Computational Linguistics, pp. 68–73. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/W17-0910>.
- Schenk, Niko, Samuel Rönnqvist, and Christian Chiarcos (2017). "A Recurrent Neural Model with Attention for the Recognition of Chinese Implicit Discourse Relations". In: *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Short Papers, 18% acceptance rate)*. Vancouver, Canada: Association for Computational Linguistics, pp. 256–262. DOI: 10.18653/v1/P17-2040. URL: <http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/P17-2040>.
- Schenk, Niko and Christian Chiarcos (2016). "Unsupervised Learning of Prototypical Fillers for Implicit Semantic Role Labeling". In: *NAACL HLT 2016, The 2016 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, San Diego California, USA, June 12-17, 2016. (Short Papers, 25% acceptance rate)*, pp. 1473–1479. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/N/N16/N16-1173.pdf>.
- Schenk, Niko et al. (2016). "Do We Really Need All Those Rich Linguistic Features? A Neural Network-Based Approach to Implicit Sense Labeling". In: *Proceedings of the CoNLL-16 shared task. Winner of Chinese Explicit Sense Classification Subtask*. Berlin, Germany: Association for Computational Linguistics, pp. 41–49. DOI: 10.18653/v1/K16-2005. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/K16-2005>.
- Chiarcos, Christian and Niko Schenk (2015a). "A Minimalist Approach to Shallow Discourse Parsing and Implicit Relation Recognition". In: *Proceedings of the 19th Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning: Shared Task, CoNLL 2015, Beijing, China, July 30-31, 2015*, pp. 42–49. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/K/K15/K15-2006.pdf>.
- – (2015b). "Memory-Based Acquisition of Argument Structures and its Application to Implicit Role Detection". In: *Proceedings of the SIGDIAL 2015 Conference, The 16th Annual Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue, 2-4 September 2015, Prague, Czech Republic. Best Paper Award Nominee*, pp. 178–187. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/W/W15/W15-4626.pdf>.
- Eger, Steffen, Niko Schenk, and Alexander Mehler (2015). "Towards Semantic Language Classification: Inducing and Clustering Semantic Association Networks from Europarl". In: *Proceedings of the Fourth Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics, *SEM 2015, June 4-5, 2015, Denver, Colorado, USA.*, pp. 127–136. URL: <http://aclweb.org/anthology/S/S15/S15-1014.pdf>.

Machine-Generated Book Chapters (Algorithm Design & Implementation)

- Writer, Beta (2019). "Cathode Materials, Samples, Pristine, Layered, Doping, Discharge Capacity". In: *Lithium-Ion Batteries: A Machine-Generated Summary of Current Research*. Cham: Springer International Publishing, pp. 73–161. ISBN: 978-3-030-16800-1. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-16800-1_2. URL: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-16800-1_2.

Patent

- Eggink, Jana et al. (Apr. 2014). *Method for determining a sentiment from a text*. US Patent App. 14/111,101. URL: <https://patents.google.com/patent/US20140114648A1/en>.