Sebastian Fedden (born 5 May 1973 in Kiel, Germany), Professor of general linguistics at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (PR 1ᵉ classe)

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Professor of general linguistics (2016)
Ph.D. in Linguistics (2007)

Degrees and academic appointments

2022-24	Guest professor at the Ludwig Maximilian University Munich
Since 2016	Professor of Linguistics at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
2016	*Habilitation à diriger des recherches (HDR)* from the Conseil National des Universités, France (section 7, by equivalence)
2016	*Qualification PR* (section 7) from the Conseil National des Universités, France
2015-16	Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Sydney
2012-14	Postdoctoral fellow (named researcher) in the AHRC project 'Gender and classifiers in natural language' at the Surrey Morphology Group (University of Surrey, United Kingdom)
2009-12	Postdoctoral fellow in the EuroBabel project 'Alor-Pantar languages: origins and theoretical impact' at the Surrey Morphology Group (University of Surrey, United Kingdom)
2009	Teaching assignment in the Linguistics department at the University of Bochum, Germany
2007-09	Postdoctoral fellow in the Language and Cognition group at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
2003-07	Ph.D. candidature in Linguistics at the University of Melbourne, Australia
2003-03	Freelance work for WissenMedia Verlag, German dictionary *Wahrig*, Gütersloh, Germany
2002	Magister Artium (M.A.) at Bielefeld University, Germany

Research topics
Language typology; Papuan languages and linguistics (synchronic and diachronic); categorization, language and cognition; systems of nominal classification (gender and classifiers); agreement; argument realization and alignment; agreement and argument realization in discourse

Service
– Member of the *conseil de gestion* (ILPGA, Sorbonne Nouvelle)
– Member of the *collège de spécialistes* (section 7) (Language sciences: general linguistics and phonetics) (Sorbonne Nouvelle)
– Responsible for the *Master Language Sciences* (ILPGA, Sorbonne Nouvelle)

– Responsable for the project « La typologie du genre grammatical » (axe 2 – Labex-EFL, with Heather Burnett) and the projet « Typologie des systèmes flexionnels à flexion non canonique » (axe 3 – Labex-EFL, with Enrique Palancar)
– Representative of LACITO at the Doctoral College (ED 622 Sciences du langage)

Affiliations
– Since 2018: University of Surrey (Visiting Professor)
– 2017-2020: University of Sydney (Honorary Associate)
– 2015-2018: University of Surrey (Visiting Fellow)

Professional memberships
since 2021: Société de Linguistique de Paris (SLP)
since 2018: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS)
since 2014: Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB)
since 2011: Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)
since 2006: Australian Linguistic Society (ALS)
since 2006: Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)

Grants received
2020-21 *Valorisation du corpus de langue mian, au travers de la Collection Pangloss*, Labex-EFL Action Défis sociétaux (Défi des langues minoritaires et des langues en danger) (EUR 2,500)
– 2020 *Arguments and agreement in Mian discourse*, Labex-EFL Axe 3 Typologie des systèmes flexionnels à flexion non canonique (EUR 450)
– 2018: *New approaches to the typology of inflection systems*, Fédération typologie et universaux linguistiques (FR 2559) (EUR 3,600).
– 2016: *Quality Publication Incentive Scheme FoR Code 2004 (Linguistics)*, University of Sydney (AUD 7,700)
– 2015: *Incomplete systems: Evidence from sporadic agreement*, Research Incubator grant, University of Sydney (AUD 5,000)
– 2013 to 2016: Named researcher on the Arts & Humanities Research Council (UK) grant 'Combining gender and classifiers in natural language' (GBP 325,539, with Greville G. Corbett, Dunstan Brown and Matthew Baerman)
– 2011: European Science Foundation – EuroBabel Dissemination Grant (EUR 1,000)
– 2007 to 2009: Research scholarship at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen (EUR 2,300 per month)

Awards and commendations
– *Georg von der Gabelentz Award* for the best grammar published between 2009 and 2012 (A grammar of Mian). Awarded by the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT) at the 10th Biennial Conference (ALT 10) in Leipzig (Germany), August 2013.
– Teaching commendation for excellent supervision in *Honours*, from Prof. Colm Harmon, Pro-Dean Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney.

Scholarships
– 2003 to 2006: Melbourne International Research Scholarship from the University of Melbourne
– 2003 to 2007: International Postgraduate Research Scholarship from the Australian Government

Award juries
2015: ALT (Association for Linguistic Typology) *Pāṇini* Award

Editorship
–2020-2023: Editor of *LACITO Publications* (Series *Linguistic Diversity*), a new open-access platform
– Since 2019: Member of the editorial board of *Italian Journal of Linguistics*

Scientific co-operation and project consultancies
– 2021 to 2024: Partner investigator: "Complex Predicates in Languages: Emergence, Typology, Evolution (comPLETE)", binational project ANR-DFG; Principal Investigators Martine Vanhove, Alexandre François, Walter Bisang, Andrej Malchukov (CNRS, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz).
– 2018 to 2021: "Optimal categorisation: the origin and nature of gender from a psycholinguistic perspective" (ESRC UK Grant RN0362A); Principal Investigator Greville G. Corbett, University of Surrey)
– 2014 to 2017: "Grammar Matrix Reloaded: Syntax and Semantics of Affectedness" (MOE2013-T2-1-016; Chief Investigator František Kratochvíl, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
– 2015 to 2016: "Gender and classifiers in natural languages" (AHRC UK Grant AH/K003194/1; Principal Investigator Greville G. Corbett, University of Surrey)

Supervision – Ph.D. theses (total of 2)

Moisés A. Veláquez	From 2020: "Grammaire du kibiri, un isolat menacé en Papouasie-Nouvelle Guinée" (Ph.D. thesis), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
Neige Rochant	2019-2023: "A grammar of Baga Pukur, an Atlantic language of Guinea" (Ph.D. thesis), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle; thesis successfully defended 7 December 2023.

Supervision – Master theses (total of 13)

Qianying Rong	2023: "Konzeptualisierung wasserbezogener Idiome im Kantonesischen - eine empirische Untersuchung aus kognitiv-semantischer Perspektive", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Maximilian Sauerland	2023: "Zum Thema der Subjektivität in linguistischen Frameanalysen", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Ekaterina Sonina	2023: "Cross-linguistic analysis of the abstract concept TRUTH: a view from a cognitive and linguistic perspective", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Yuanyuan Wang	2023: "Die Passivperiphrase im Englischen und Chinesischen", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.

Meng Xue	2023: "Klassifizierung und Analyse der Verb-Komplement-Struktur im modernen Chinesischen (Beispiele von resultierenden und konvergenten Komplementen)", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Xinyi Yin	2023: "Stigmatisierung bei Krankheiten", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Kaixi Zhang	2023: "Fehleranalyse in Aufsätzen chinesischer Deutschlernender: Eine Untersuchung kognitiver Prozesse", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Cuiting Zhou	2023: "Auf Naturphänomene bezogene Metaphern in der Tang-Poesie", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Meishuo Zhu	2023: "Ein Vergleich von farbbezogenen Idiomen in unterschiedlichen Sprachen (am Beispiel des Chinesischen und Deutschen)", Ludwig Maximilian University Munich.
Jeremy Aroles	2020-2022: "Temps et aspect verbaux dans les langues Papoues", MA thesis (Mini-Mémoire M1 & Mémoire M2), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
Elodie Dupeyroux	From 2021: "Étude descriptive du système de voix en thao, langue austronésienne de Taïwan", MA thesis (Mini-Mémoire M1), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle
Maddyson Borka	2017: "Aperçu du marquage différentiel de l'objet en aymara", MA thesis (Mémoire M2), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle and INALCO
Miriam P. Padgett	2016: "El Nosotros Explícito: The pragmatics of explicit 1st person plural subject pronouns in Spanish and constructions of solidarity in Hugo Chavez's political discourse", Honours thesis, University of Sydney

Examination (without being the supervisor)

Valentina Alfarano	2021: "A grammar of Nalögo: an Oceanic language of Santa Cruz Island" (INALCO, president of the committee)
Masoud Mohammadirad	2020: "Les clitiques (pronoms et accord) dans les langues iraniennes de l'ouest" (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Ph.D. defense)
Murad Suleymanov	2019: "A grammar of Şirvan Tat" (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Ph.D. defense)
Glenn A. Windschuttel	2018: "Object verbs in Kui, Timor-Alor-Pantar and Trans-New-Guinea: An exploration of their typological and historical implications" (University of Newcastle, Australia, external reviewer)
Lai Yunfan	2017: "Grammaire du khroskyabs de Wobzi" (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Ph.D. defense, president of the committee)
Matthew J. Carroll	2017: "The Ngkolmpu language, with special reference to distributed exponence" (Australian National University, external reviewer)

Ruth Wester	2014: "A linguistic history of Awyu-Dumut: Morphological study and reconstruction of a Papuan family" (VU University Amsterdam, Ph.D. defense, member of the reading committee)
Scott J. Collier	2013: "The evolution of complexity in Greek noun inflection" (University of Surrey, Ph.D. defense, internal reviewer)

Comité de suivi (Thesis monitoring panel)

Yann Le Moullec	2021-22: "Grammaire angaataha : une langue anga de Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée" (INALCO)
Émile Faure	2020-21: "Contact de langues dans l'espace baltique : cas de la morphosyntaxe de l'*estlandssvenska* et comparaison avec le suédois de Finlande, le gotlandais et le yiddish estonien" (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, supervisor P. Samvelian)
Masoud Mohammadirad	2019-20: "Les clitiques (pronoms et accord) dans les langues iraniennes de l'ouest", Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, supervisor P. Samvelian)
Murad Suleymanov	2017-19: "A grammar of Şirvan Tat" (École Pratique des Hautes Études, supervisor G. Authier)

Organization of conferences and workshops

– *Uninflectedness*, 3-day workshop at the 45th Annual Meeting of the DGfS, University Cologne, 7-10 March 2023 (with Enrique Palancar).

– *Descriptive Grammars and Typology II*, Paris, 1-3 December 2021 (organizing committee, with Neige Rochant, Yann le Moullec, Guillaume Segerer and Jeanne Zerner).

– *13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 13)*, University of Edinburgh, 10-12 June 2021 (program committee).

– *Current Trends in Papuan Linguistics*, LACITO/INALCO, Paris, 11-12 December 2019 (organizing committee, with Sylvain Loiseau and Antoinette Schapper).

– Workshop "New approaches to the typology of inflection systems", *Fédération Typologie et Universaux Linguistiques*, University of Chicago Center in Paris, 16 November 2018 (organizing committee, with Olivier Bonami).

– *9th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 9)*, LACITO, Paris, 21-23 June 2017 (program committee).

– *Gender and Classifiers: Diachrony and Variation*, University of Surrey, 28-29 January 2016 (organizing committee).

– Workshop "Non-canonical gender systems", *48th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)*, University of Leiden, 2-5 September 2015 (organizing committee, with Jenny Audring).

– *7th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 7)*, SOAS London, 16-17 May 2014 (program committee).

– *Gender and Classifiers: Cross-Linguistic Perspectives*, University of Surrey, 17 January 2014 (organizing committee).

– *Dissemination workshop on Alor-Pantar languages*, British Academy, London, 14 September 2012 (organizing committee).

Peer reviewing
Institutions: Agence nationale de la recherche (ANR), National Science Foundation (NSF), Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project (HRLEP), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Publishers: Oxford University Press, John Benjamins, Pacific Linguistics, De Gruyter Mouton, Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
Journals: Bulletin de la Société de Linguistique de Paris, Glossa, International Journal of American Linguistics (IJAL), Italian Journal of Linguistics (IJL), Language, Language Documentation and Description, Linguistics, Linguistic Discovery, Linguistic Typology (LT), Morphology, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (NLLT), Oceanic Linguistics, Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics, Studies in Language, STUF (Linguistic Typology and Universals
Conferences: 7th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 7), SOAS London, May 2014; 8th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 8), SOAS London, May 2016; 9th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 9), LACITO Paris, June 2017; 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Canberra, Australia, December 2017; 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Pavia, Italy, September 2019; 2nd International Symposium of Morphology (ISMo 2019), University Paris-Diderot, September 2019; 13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL 13), University of Edinburgh, Juni 2021; 4th International Symposium of Morphology (ISMo 2021), University Paris-Diderot, September 2021: 5th International Symposium of Morphology (ISMo 2023), ATILF Research Institute, Nancy, September 2023; Langues et langages au carrefour des disciplines (LLcD), Paris, September 2024.

Fieldwork
– May 2017: Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy (1 week)
– August 2015: Altamura, Puglia, Italy (1 week)
– June 2012 Adang, Abui, Teiwa, Wersing, and Kaera (all Papuan languages of Alor-Pantar), Denpasar (Bali), Indonesia (2 weeks)
– 2008: Mian, Mianmin, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea (2 months)
– 2005: Mian, Mianmin, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea (3 months)
– 2004: Mian, Yaspiei and Mianmin, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea (6 months)

Languages
German, English, French, Italian, Tok Pisin, Mian, Dutch, (Latin, Ancient Greek).