# Irene Winther

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## EDUCATION

# University of Edinburgh

Ph.D. in Natural Language Processing

September 2019 –

• Advisors: Martin Pickering and Yevgen Matusevych

M.Sc. Psychology of Language, Distinction

2016 - 2017

• Advisor: Martin Pickering

• Thesis: "The Effect of Semantic Constraint on Lexical Access in Bilingual Word Recognition"

#### School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Erasmus+ Exchange Programme, GPA: 76/100

2015 - 2016

## Norwegian University of Science and Technology

B.A. in Foreign Languages with specialization in English, GPA: 4/5

2013 - 2016

# **PUBLICATIONS**

Frank, S., Hinaut, X., Kaan, E., Khoe, Y. H., Chen, L., Winther, I. E., & Matusevych, Y. (2022). Bilingual sentence processing: When models meet experiments. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Winther, I. E., Matusevych, Y., & Pickering, M. J. (2022). Can learning explain cognate effects in bilingual comprehension and production? Manuscript submitted for publication.

Winther, I. E., Matusevych, Y., & Pickering, M. J. (2021). Cumulative frequency can explain cognate facilitation in language models. In T. Fitch, C. Lamm, H. Leder, & K. Teßmar-Raible (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2513–2519). Cognitive Science Society. [Paper] [Poster].

#### TEACHING

## University of Edinburgh

• Marker, Demonstrator – Data Analysis for Psychology in R1 (PSYL08013)

2021/22

• Marker – Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R (PSYL11053)

Autumn 2021

# Presentations

Word frequency effects in bilingual language models

30 July 2022

Talk, symposium on Bilingual Sentence Processing: when Models Meet Experiments, CogSci2022

Toronto, Canada

Cumulative frequency can explain cognate facilitation in language models

5 April 2022

Talk, Language and Cognition Research Group, Cardiff University

Cardiff, United Kingdom (online due to covid-19) els 29 July 2021

Cumulative frequency can explain cognate facilitation in language models  $Poster\ presentation,\ CogSci2021$ 

Vienna, Austria (online due to covid-19)

Cognate facilitation in computational language models

28 April 2021

Talk, Psycholinguistics Coffee, University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, United Kingdom (online due to covid-19)

## SERVICE

#### Organizer

## Psycholinguistics Coffee

2020 - 2021

Changed format to virtual talks during covid-19. Organized and moderated talks, invited speakers, set up and maintained new website and Twitter-account.

## CDT-NLP Reading Group

2019 - 2021

January 2022

Organized a reading group for members of the CDT in NLP at the School of Informatics.

# FURTHER TRAINING

• PPLS Inclusive Teaching Training Workshop Equality, Diversity and Inclusion workshop

University of Edinburgh July 2016

• Trieste Encounters on Cognitive Science Summer school/symposium

International School for Advanced Studies, Trieste

## LANGUAGES

- Norwegian fluent
- Finnish fluent
- English fluent
- Swedish fluent
- German intermediate
- Italian beginner
- Persian beginner

## Programming Languages

- R advanced
- $\bullet$  **jsPsych** intermediate
- Python intermediate
- LaTeX intermediate