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## Education

- 2022– **PhD Linguistics**,  
University of Edinburgh, SCOTLAND
- 2024 **M.A. Indo-European Studies and Historical Linguistics**,  
*Expected graduation with honors*,  
University of Vienna, AUSTRIA
- 2022 **M.A. Ancient Near Eastern Philology and Near Eastern Archaeology**,  
*Graduation with honors*,  
University of Vienna, AUSTRIA
- 2019 **B.A. Linguistics**,  
University of Vienna, AUSTRIA

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## PhD Thesis

- Working title Intention, Aspect, and Argument Structure: The Morphosyntax and Morphosemantics of the (Old Babylonian) Akkadian Verb
- Supervisors Dr. Itamar Kastner  
Dr. Pavel Iosad
- Description This thesis presents a formal analysis of the interaction of verbal argument structure, grammatical and lexical aspect, and the speaker's intention for communication in the encoding and usage of Akkadian verbal morphology, with special focus on the morphosemantic and morphosyntactic interfaces. The study is based on the synchronic epistolary corpus of the Archives Royales de Mari (ca. 1800-1750 BCE).

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## M.A. Thesis Historical Linguistics

- Title *Once Upon A Middle. Usage and Functions of the Akkadian "iptaras" in the Archives Royales de Mari*
- Supervisor Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Melanie Malzahn
- Description The thesis investigates the usage and functions of the *t*-morpheme in the Old Babylonian corpus of the Archives Royales de Mari. Secondly, the thesis attempts to place the "perfect"-*t* within the aspect-marking verbal system of Akkadian.

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## M.A. Thesis Assyriology

- Title *From Zero to Hero. The Adad-Šuma-Ušur Epic in Its Late Babylonian Priestly Literature Context.*
- Supervisor Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Michael Jursa
- Description As a contribution to the LBPL-project, a new, full edition of the Adad-šuma-ušur epic allowed for new insights on the historical Kassite king, as well as insights into the attitudes of the contemporary scribe(s) towards the sociological and political situations of his or their time, which through comparative epigraphy and thematic analysis this thesis places in the 4<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE.

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## Scholarships

- 2022–2025 **University of Edinburgh School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences PhD Scholarship,**  
*PhD Linguistics*
- 2021–2022 **University of Vienna grant for outstanding academic achievement (*Leistungsstipendium*),**  
*M.A. Indo-European Studies and Historical Linguistics*
- 2020–2021 **University of Vienna grant for outstanding academic achievement (*Leistungsstipendium*),**  
*M.A. Indo-European Studies and Historical Linguistics*
- 2019–2020 **University of Vienna grant for outstanding academic achievement (*Leistungsstipendium*),**  
*M.A. Assyriology*
- 2018–2019 **University of Vienna grant for outstanding academic achievement (*Leistungsstipendium*),**  
*B.A. Linguistics*

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## Research Positions

- October 2019–June 2021 **Research Fellow,** *University of Vienna, Department of Near Eastern Studies,*  
**Late Babylonian Priestly Literature: Ideology in Context,**  
Project lead: Michael Jursa (University of Vienna), Nathan Wasserman (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)  
Funded by the Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung  
Studying texts recovered from Babylonian temple libraries or the libraries of Babylonian priests in Uruk and Babylon, this project aimed to define a corpus of late Babylonian priestly literature (LBPL) from the Seleucid period and to contextualise it vis-à-vis its socio-economic, political and intellectual background. It is argued that these specific circumstances not only transformed the way traditional texts were studied in Mesopotamia, but also brought about the creation of a body of new writings that claim explicitly or implicitly traditional or ancient origins, despite being products of a period contemporary with, or shortly preceding, the date of the preserved manuscripts.

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## Teaching

### Guest Lectures

- Winter 2024 **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024,** *University of Edinburgh*  
Introduction to Historical Linguistics (Instructor: Bettelou Los)
- Autumn 2023 **20<sup>th</sup> November 2023,** *University of Edinburgh*  
Introduction to Syntax (Instructor: Yueh Hsin Kuo)

## Tutoring (Teaching Assistant)

- Winter 2025 **Tutorial**, *University of Edinburgh*  
Introduction to Historical Linguistics (Instructor: TBD)
- Autumn 2024 **Tutorial**, *University of Edinburgh*  
Introduction to Syntax (Instructor: András Bárány)
- Winter 2024 **Tutorial**, *University of Edinburgh*  
Introduction to Historical Linguistics (Instructor: Bettelou Los)
- Autumn 2023 **Tutorial**, *University of Edinburgh*  
Introduction to Syntax (Instructor: Yueh Hsin Kuo)
- Autumn/Winter 2018 **Voluntary tutorial**, *University of Vienna*  
160111 VU Theory of Grammar (Instructor: Dalina Kallulli)

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## Publications

### Peer-reviewed Handbook Articles

- Accepted Grestenberger, Laura and Iris Kamil. Forthcoming. Voice Alternations in Diachrony. In *Wiley Blackwell Companion for Diachronic Linguistics*, ed. Anne Breitbarth.

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- 2023 Kamil, Iris. 2023. *t*-Forms of the Akkadian Stative. *Brill's Journal for Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics* 15(1), 262-290. Leiden: Brill.

### Peer-reviewed Edited Volumes

- Accepted Kamil, Iris. Forthcoming. Deriving the Akkadian Stative. Perspectives from the Adjectival Root. In [*Advances in Historical Linguistics*], eds. Laura Grestenberger, Viktoria Reiter, and Melanie Malzahn. LangSci Press.

### Book chapters

- Accepted Kamil, Iris. Forthcoming. Anticausativization Strategies in Akkadian – Innovated and Inherited. In [*Typological Studies in Language*], eds. Guglielmo Inglese, Giulia Mazzola, Eugenio Gorla. John Benjamins.

### Essays

- In Preparation Kamil, Iris and Alexander Robert Herren. In preparation. Wenn die Gier nach Wissen mordet – Wie die österreichische Wissenschaft mit ihrer NS-Vergangenheit umgehen kann. In *Standard*.
- 2017 Kamil, Iris. 2017. Die traurigsten, die grässlichsten und die besten Gefühle. Ein Bericht über meine Studienfahrt nach Auschwitz im Herbst 2015. In Inge Hansen-Schaberg, Ulla Nitsch, Frank Tosch & Ina K. Uphoff (eds.), *Kindernöte* (Zeitschrift für Museum Und Bildung 80–81), 136–145. Berlin: LIT.

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## Talks

### Invited Talks

- 2024 ~~[Title TBD] (with Itamar Kastner)~~, *Ullendorff Conference*, Jerusalem, 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 (postponed)
- 2022 ***t*-Forms of the Akkadian Stative**, *Workshop on Semitic Prefixes and Suffixes*, Paris, 11<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

### Conference Talks

- 2024 **Intensive, factitive, and definitely not SIMPLE – Valency alternations in Akkadian INTENSIVE verbs**, 21. *International Congress of Linguistics*, Poznań, 8th–14th of September 2024
- 2024 **Valence and aspect – A re-evaluation of the morphosyntax and morphosemantics of the Akkadian verb**, 69. *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*, Helsinki, 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> of July 2024
- 2024 **Verbs of Fine Quality: Aspect and Argument Structure in the Old Babylonian (Akkadian) Verbal System**, *LEL PGC 24*, Edinburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> of June 2024
- 2024 **Messe-t up! The Aspect-Voice syncretism of the Akkadian t-morpheme**, *Workshop on the Afroasiatic Middle t-Morpheme (WAMt)*, Edinburgh, 8<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> of May 2024
- 2023 **Anticausativization Strategies in Akkadian – Innovated and Inherited**, *Workshop on Diachronic and Typological Perspectives on Anticausativization*, Torino, 9<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> of November 2023
- 2023 **Categorizers in Diachrony (with Laura Grestenberger and Viktoria Reiter)**, 26. *International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, Heidelberg, 4<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> of September 2023
- 2023 **Middles, Perfectives, Pluractionals. A reinvestigation of the usage and function of the -ta-infix in the old Babylonian Mari letters**, 67. *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*, Leiden, 17<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2023
- 2023 **Deadjectival Statives in Akkadian and Indo-European: comparative and theoretical considerations**, *Workshop on Deadjectival verb formation in Indo-European: Historical and theoretical perspectives*, Vienna, 10<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> of March 2023
- 2022 **News on the Adad-Šuma-Ušur Epic**, 34. *Deutscher Orientalistentag*, Berlin, 12<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> of September 2022
- 2022 **Tocharian periphrastic yām-constructions revisited (with Laura Grestenberger)**, 34. *Deutscher Orientalistentag*, Berlin, 12<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> of September 2022
- 2022 **New Visions on Kingship in Late Babylonian Priestly Literature (with Céline Debourse)**, 66. *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*, Mainz, 25<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022
- 2021 **Old Babylonian Pluractionals and Their Medial Nature**, 46. *Österreichische Linguistik-Tagung*, Vienna (virtual), 9<sup>th</sup> of December
- 2020 **Semitic Verbal Diminutives and Their Morphological Derivation**, 68. *Studentische Tagung der Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin (virtual), 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2020

### Departmental Talks and Talk Series Presentations

- 2023 **From Middle-marker to “Event-relator” – The Akkadian t-Morpheme**, *Meaning and Grammar Research Group*, University of Edinburgh, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- 2023 **Re-imagining the Akkadian Verb**, *Angus MacIntosh Center “Catchup Sessions”*, University of Edinburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023
- 2021 **Akkadian Pluractionals in Old Babylonian Letters – a Reanalysis**, *Atelier de Phonologie*, Université de Paris VIII (virtual), 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

### Language Skills

native	Modern Hebrew
fluent	German, English
advanced	French

intermediate Yiddish, Italian  
basic Spanish (European), Japanese, Basque  
structural knowledge Kalaallisut (West Greenlandic), Mehri

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## Philological Competence

Akkadian With foci on Old Babylonian and Late Babylonian, but various other dialects from various loci and all periods studied, ...

Ancient South Arabian Coursework.

Aramaic Focus on (ancient) Judeo-Aramaic (Imperial, Biblical, Talmudic), but also a semester of Syriac.

Classical Hebrew Through personal cultural background.

Gəʕəz Biblical, liturgical, epigraphic Gəʕəz.

Latin *Kleines Latinum* ('little examen Latinum').

Sanskrit Coursework.

Sumerian Various corpora studied, from the administrative Šuruppak-texts to scholarly epics to royal inscriptions, ...

Tocharian Coursework, as well as research into adjectival verbal derivations.

Ugaritic Coursework.

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## Service to the field

### Conferences

- 2024 **Workshop on the Afroasiatic *t*-Morpheme**, WAMt, Edinburgh, 8<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> of May 2024  
Organiser  
*Funded by the Van Riemsdijk Foundation, UoE PPLS, The Philological Society of Great Britain, and the Angus McIntosh Centre for Historical Linguistics*
- 2023 **The Sixth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Linguistics**, ESHP 6, Edinburgh, 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023  
Organising Committee
- 2022 **Norbert Jokl Gedenksymposium**, University of Vienna, 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022  
Co-Organiser

### Workshops in Conferences

- 2023 **Categorizers in Diachrony**, *Workshop*, ICHL 26 Heidelberg, 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2023  
Co-Organiser

### Other

- 2021-2022 **Wiener Indogermanistik Stammtisch “Viennese Indo-European Studies Roundtable”**, Organiser

### Reviewing

- I have reviewed papers for
- GLOSSA
  - BJALL (Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics)
  - Arabic Linguistics (John Benjamins)

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## Memberships

