

## Curriculum Vitae

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### 1 Education

- 2016-2022 (viva): PhD, Linguistics (awarded 28/01/2023)  
University College London (United Kingdom)
- 2014-2015: MA, Linguistics  
Specialization: syntax  
University College London (United Kingdom)
- 2010-2014: BA, Mathematics; BA, Linguistics  
University of California, Berkeley (United States)

### 2 Professional experience

- 2023-now: Manuscript reviewer  
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory; Canadian Journal of Linguistics
- 2017-now: Teaching assistant  
University College London (United Kingdom)
- 2017-2022: Editor of UCL Working Papers in Linguistics  
University College London (United Kingdom)
- 2017-2022: Semantics reading group organizer  
University College London (United Kingdom)
- 2021 Abstract reviewer of the 14th conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 14)
- 2018 Abstract reviewer of the 26th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (CONSOLE)  
University College London (United Kingdom)

### 3 Teaching experience

- Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics A (Undergraduate) 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2022-2023
- Semantic Theory (Undergraduate) 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- Semantics and Pragmatics I (Postgraduate) 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024
- Semantics and Pragmatics III (Postgraduate) 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

### 4 Publications

(Number of citations in brackets: [Google Scholar](#))

#### 4.1 Dissertation

- Zhao, Ruoying. 2023. *Definiteness effects and competition in tenses and aspects*. University College London. (1)

## 4.2 Peer-reviewed scientific journals

- Zhao, Ruoying. (under review) The semantics and pragmatics of Mandarin Chinese perfective particles.
- Zhao, Ruoying. 2022a. Decomposing perfect readings. *Languages special issue: Tense and aspects across languages* (4)  
[doi.org/10.3390/languages7040251](https://doi.org/10.3390/languages7040251)
- Zhao, Ruoying. 2023. The English past tense as a definite description. *Glossa special collection: Definiteness and referentiality*  
[doi.org/10.16995/glossa.5699](https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.5699)

## 4.3 Peer-reviewed conference proceedings

- Zhao, Ruoying. 2019. Deriving the variation and constraints of the present perfect. In *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXVII*.217-237.

## 5 Invited talks

- 2022 ‘Event anaphora and discourse relations in Mandarin Chinese’. Presented at the workshop ‘Looking for Non-Future Tense’, LLING UMR 6310, Nantes Université/CNRS.

## 6 Presentations at international peer-reviewed conferences

- 2024 ‘The interaction between before clauses, inchoatives, statives, and degree achievements’. To be presented at the Triple A workshop + After/Before Clauses workshop. LLING UMR 6310, Nantes Université/CNRS. Nantes, France.
- 2024 ‘Before degree achievements, case study in Mandarin Chinese’. To be presented at CHRONOS 15: 15th International Conference on Actionality, Tense, Aspect, Modality/Evidentiality. Toulouse, France.
- 2024 ‘Strong and weak biases in Mandarin Chinese’ (with Keyu Dong as second author). Presented at the Polar Question Meaning[s] Across Languages workshop. University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 2023 ‘Question-answer congruence, the anti-resultative inference, and the anti-answerhood presupposition of Mandarin Chinese *guo*’. Presented at the 10th International Conference on Formal Linguistics (ICFL-10). Beijing, China.
- 2023 ‘The anti-answerhood presupposition of Mandarin Chinese perfective *guo*’. Presented at the 16th conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 16). Brno, Czech Republic.
- 2019 ‘Presuppositional aspects in Mandarin Chinese’. Presented at the Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (LAGB) Annual Meeting. London, United Kingdom.
- 2019 ‘Chinese aspects in discourse’. Presented at the University of Edinburgh Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference. Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- 2019 ‘Temporal Definiteness’. Presented at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS) workshop ‘Sorting Out the Concepts Behind Definiteness’. Bremen, Germany.
- 2019 ‘Crosslinguistic Variation of (In)definite Pasts’. Presented at the 20th Szklarska Poręba Workshop. Szklarska, Poland.
- 2019 ‘Explaining the Variation and Constraints of the Present Perfect’. Presented at the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE). Berlin, Germany.
- 2018 ‘The Crosslinguistic Variation of the Present Perfect’. Presented at GREAT 2018: Going Romance (Re-)Explores Aspect and Tense. Utrecht, the Netherlands.

- 2018 ‘Towards A Unified Analysis of the Present Perfect’. Presented at the 11th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL): The Syntax and Semantics of Aspect. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2018 ‘Definiteness in the Temporal Domain’. Presented at Rencontres d’Automne de Linguistique Formelle (RALFe). Paris, France.
- 2018 ‘Solving the Present Perfect Puzzles’. Presented at the 2nd Research Techniques and Approaches: New Journeys in Linguistics (RTANJ). Rtanj, Serbia.

## 7 Technology experience

- **Languages:** Python, R,  $\LaTeX$ , matlab, Java.

## 8 Languages

- **Native:** Mandarin Chinese, Beijing Dialect.
- **Near Native/Professional:** English.
- **Intermediate/Fieldwork:** Japanese, German, Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Russian, Polish.
- **Basic:** French, Czech.