

# Axel Bohmann: Publications

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## Books

- Accepted [2025] **Axel Bohmann.** *English among West-African Migrants in Germany: A Reflexive Approach* (Varieties of English around the World). John Benjamins.
- In press [2025] **Axel Bohmann**, Julia Müller, Mirka Honkanen, Miriam Neuhausen. *Linguistic Data Science and the English Passive: Modelling Diachronic Developments and Regional Variation* (Language, Data Science, and Digital Humanities). Bloomsbury.
- 2019 **Axel Bohmann.** *Variation in English Worldwide: Registers and Global Varieties* (Studies in English Language). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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## Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2025 Thomas Messerli, Daria Dayter, Sven Leuckert, Aatu Liimatta, Hanna Mahler, **Axel Bohmann**, Gustavo Kozma, Rafaela Tosin. Digital debating cultures: Communicative practices on Reddit. *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities* 40(1), 227-240. <https://doi.org/10.1093/llc/fqaf005>
- 2024 **Axel Bohmann.** **Future-time reference in World Englishes.** *World Englishes* 43(1), 2-22. <https://doi.org/10.1111/weng.12634>.
- 2023 **Axel Bohmann.** **Diatopic variation in digital space: A multidimensional analysis of Texas English Twitter data.** *Scandinavian Studies in Language* 14(2), 73-103. <https://doi.org/10.7146/sss.v14i2.142539>.
- 2022 **Axel Bohmann**, Wiebke Ahlers. **Stance in narration: Finding structure in complex sociolinguistic variation.** *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 26(1), 65-83. <https://doi.org/10.1111/josl.12533>.
- 2021 **Axel Bohmann**, Martin Bohmann, Lars Hinrichs. **Dissemination dynamics of receding words: A diachronic case study of whom.** *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence* 4. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frai.2021.654154>.
- 2020 **Axel Bohmann.** **Situating Twitter discourse in relation to spoken and written texts: A lectometric analysis.** *Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik* 87(2), 250-284. <https://doi.org/10.25162/zdl-2020-0009>.
- 2016 **Axel Bohmann.** **'Nobody canna cross it': Language-ideological dimensions of hypercorrect speech in Jamaica.** *English Language and Linguistics* 20(1), 129-152. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1360674315000374>.
- 2015 Lars Hinrichs, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, **Axel Bohmann.** **Which-hunting and the standard English relative clause.** *Language* 91(4), 806-836. <https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2015.0062>.
- 2013 Lars Hinrichs, **Axel Bohmann**, Kyle Gorman. **Real-time trends in the Texas English vowel system: F2 trajectory in GOOSE as an index of a variety's ongoing delocalization.** *Rice Working Papers in Linguistics* 4, 378-381. <https://hdl.handle.net/1911/75162>.
- 2010 **Axel Bohmann.** **'Red mal Deutsch, Hundesohn, ich halt nicht viel vom Spitten': Cultural pressures and the language of German hip hop.** *Zeitschrift für Anglistik and Amerikanistik* 58(3), 203-228. <https://doi.org/10.1515/zaa.2010.58.3.203>.

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## Contributions to edited volumes (peer-reviewed)

- accepted Axel Bohmann, Fatlum Sadiku, Panagiota Papavasileiou. **A dynamic perspective on diasporic social media communication**. In J. Leimgruber, S. Leuckert, S. Rüdiger (eds), *World Englishes and Social Media*. Bloombury.
- accepted Axel Bohmann. **'Jamaica is not the only Jamaica': Language and place on Youtube**. In H. Paulasto, L. Meriläinen, S. Kaislaniemi, M. Laitinen (eds), *English Language Contacts and Change in the Digital Age*. Brill.
- accepted Axel Bohmann, Mirka Honkanen. **Writing Nigerian Pidgin on the web: Dynamic developments on a diasporic forum**. In H. Paulasto, L. Meriläinen, S. Kaislaniemi, M. Laitinen (Hrsg.). *English Language Contacts and Change in the Digital Age*. Brill.
- accepted Axel Bohmann, Lotte Sommerer. **Quantitative methods in historical linguistics**. In R. Hickey, R. (Hrsg.). *New Cambridge History of the English Language*, Vol II. M. Kytö, E. Smitterberg (eds), *Documentation, Sources of Data and Modelling*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2025 Axel Bohmann. **Codeswitching in the Caribbean**. In K. Bolton (ed.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopaedia of World Englishes*. Hoboken: Wiley.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119518297.eowe00281>.
- 2024 Axel Bohmann. **Towards 'large and tidy': Establishing internal structure in mega-corpora**. In S. Coats, V. Laippala (eds), *Linguistics across Disciplinary Borders: The March of Data*. London: Bloomsbury, 157-185.
- 2023 Axel Bohmann, Adesoji Babalola. **Verbal past inflection in Nigerian English: A case for sociolinguistic compound vision**. In G. Wilson, M. Westphal (eds), *New Englishes, New Methods*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 16-41.
- 2023 Axel Bohmann. **Contrastive usage profiling: A word vector perspective on World Englishes**. In B. Busse, N. Dumrukic, I. Kleiber (eds), *Language and Linguistics in a Complex World* (Discourse Patterns 32). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 11-30.
- 2023 Axel Bohmann, Julia Müller, Mirka Honkanen, Miriam Neuhausen. **A large-scale diachronic analysis of the English passive alternation**. In B. Busse, N. Dumrukic, I. Kleiber (eds), *Language and Linguistics in a Complex World* (Discourse Patterns 32). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 31-30.
- 2022 Axel Bohmann. **ICE corpora, register, and omitted variable bias: A multidimensional perspective**. In M. Krug, V. Werner, O. Schützler, F. Vetter (eds), *Perspectives on Contemporary English*. Bamberg Studies in English Linguistics. Berlin et al.: Peter Lang, 155-183.
- 2021 Axel Bohmann. **Uprooted speakers' grassroots English: Metalinguistic perspectives of asylum seekers in Germany**. In C. Meierkord, E. W. Schneider (eds), *World Englishes at the Grassroots*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 233-254.
- 2021 Axel Bohmann. **Register in World Englishes research**. In B. Schneider, T. Heyd (eds), *Bloomsbury World Englishes, Vol 1: Paradigms*. London: Bloomsbury, 80-96.
- 2020 Lars Hinrichs, Axel Bohmann. **Sociolinguistics**. In S. Adolphs, D. Knight (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of English Language and the Digital Humanities* (Routledge Handbooks in English Language Studies). Milton Park: Routledge, 283-305.
- 2016 Axel Bohmann. **Language change because Twitter? Factors motivating innovative uses of because across the English-speaking Twittersphere**. In L. Squires (ed.), *English in Computer-Mediated Communication: Variation, Representation, and Change* (Topics in English Linguistics 93). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 149-178.
- 2008 Axel Bohmann, Jörg Binder. **The desperate negro**. (edited and commented version). In W. Hochbruck, A. Erdogan, P. Fiedler (eds), *Origins of the American Short Story*. Los Gatos: Slack Water Press. 29-44.

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## Miscellaneous publications (non-peer-reviewed)

- 2024 **Axel Bohmann.** Review of Rautionaho, Paula, Hanna Parviainen, Mark Kaunisto, Arja Nurmi (eds), *Social and Regional Variation in World Englishes. Local and Global Perspectives*, Milton Park: Routledge, 2022. *English Language and Linguistics* 28(1), 172-178. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1360674323000217>.
- 2020 **Axel Bohmann, Martin Bohmann, Lars Hinrichs.** **Project blog: Language as a complex adaptive system.** [link]
- 2020 Lars Hinrichs, **Axel Bohmann.** **Changing registers and the demise of a pronoun: Progress report for feedback and comments.** [link]
- 2016 **Axel Bohmann.** Review of Collins, Peter (ed.), *Grammatical Change in English Worldwide*, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins 2015]. *Journal of English Linguistics* 44(4), 378-381. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0075424216669984>.
- 2011 **Axel Bohmann, Patrick Schultz.** **Sacred that and wicked which: Prescriptivism and change in the use of English relativizers.** *Texas Linguistics Forum* 54, 88-101.

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## Conference talks

- 2025 **The passive alternation in spoken North American English.** ISLE 8, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, 03.09.2025.
- 2025 **Quoted and constructed speech across six varieties of English.** IAWE 26, Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, 27.07.2025.
- 2025 **Bipartite collexeme graphs for the diachronic analysis of constructional competition.** (with Andreas Baumann and Lotte Sommerer), ICAME 46, University of Vilnius, 20.06.2025.
- 2024 **Language ideologies in global English: The case of West-African asylum seekers in Germany.** BICLCE 10, Universitat d'Alacant, Alicante, 28.09.2024.
- 2024 **Because XYZ: How many non-canonical because-constructions are there?** 10th International Conference of the German Cognitive Linguistics Association, Universität Osnabrück, 05.09.2024.
- 2024 **Large and tidy? A method for finding structure in mega-corpora.** ICAME 45, Universida de Vigo, Vigo, 19.06.2024.
- 2023 **The grammar of gender: Verb phrases with gendered subjects across 200 years of American English.** Cultural Data Analytics Conference 2023, Tallinn University, Tallinn, 16.12.2023.
- 2023 **The discursive construction of gender: Verb phrases with SHE/HE subjects in different varieties of English.** ISLE 7, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, 19.06.2023.
- 2022 **Linguistic dynamics in dynamically developing virtual communities - A corpus-linguistic perspective** (with Mirka Honkanen). New Englishes, New Methods: Corpora in New Englishes Research, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 25.03.2022.
- 2021 **Register variation in Reddit comments - A multidimensional analysis** (poster presentation with Kyla McConnell, Hanna Mahler, Gustavo Maccori Kozma and Rafaela Tosin). CMC-Corpora 2021, Radboud-Universität Nijmegen, 25.10.2021.
- 2021 **Texas English on Twitter: Beyond lexical-geographic variation.** NWAV 49, Austin, Texas, 23.10.2021.
- 2021 **Initiation of the low-back-merger shift in Texas English: Testing mechanistic accounts** (poster presentation with Lars Hinrichs). NWAV 49, Austin, Texas, 21.10.2021.
- 2021 **'Jamaica is not the only Jamaica' - Language and place on YouTube.** ISLE 6, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, 02.06.2021.
- 2020 **A large-scale diachronic analysis of the English passive alternation** (with Julia Müller, Mirka Honkanen and Miriam Neuhausen). ICAME 41, Heidelberg, 20.-23.05.2020.

- 2020 **Varieties of English worldwide: A word-vector perspective.** ICAME 41, Heidelberg, 20.-23.05.2020.
- 2020 **A diachronic look at the English passive: Distributional semantics of BE vs GET** (poster presentation with Julia Müller, Miriam Neuhausen and Mirka Honkanen). IRG 2020, Fribourg, 06.-08.02.2020.
- 2019 **Like finding that one tree in a forest: Markers of stance in narration** (poster presentation with Wiebke Ahlers). NWAV 48, Eugene, Oregon, 11.10.2019.
- 2019 **ICE corpora, register, and omitted variable bias: A multidimensional perspective.** BICLCE 8, Bamberg, 28.09.2019.
- 2019 **'Like she says like I -like': Markers of stance in narration.** (with Wiebke Ahlers). SLE 52, Leipzig, 21.08.2019.
- 2019 **Asylum seekers' discursive construction of communicative breakdowns.** iMean6, Wellington, 17.04.2019.
- 2018 **Dimensions of variation in World Englishes.** ISLE 5, London, 18.07.2018. **Orienting towards German with English linguistic resources: Observations on the communicative repertoires of English-speaking asylum seekers in Germany.** ISLE 5, London, 17.07.2018.
- 2018 **Global system, local landscape: The interplay of emergent norms and perduring indexical relations in asylum seekers' ELF communication.** ELF 11, London, 07.07.2018.
- 2018 **When communication fails: Asylum seekers' discursive construction of communicative breakdowns.** Zurich Conference on Colonial and Postcolonial Language Studies - Changes and Challenges, Zürich, 05.06.2018.
- 2017 **Geographic and register variation in World Englishes: Methodological issues.** Workshop Statistical standards for scientific discovery in linguistics: a practical introduction, Zürich, 05.10.2017.
- 2017 **Investigating geographic and register variation in World Englishes.** ICLaVE 9, Málaga, 06.06.2017.
- 2016 **A cross-varietal study of (ing) in written computer-mediated discourse.** Sociolinguistics Symposium 21, Murcia, 17.06.2016.
- 2016 **Mapping the social meanings of /str/-palatalization in Texas English** (poster presentation with Lars Hinrichs, Wiebke Ahlers, Alexander Bergs, Erica Brozovsky, Kirsten Meemann and Patrick Schultz). Sociolinguistics Symposium 21, Murcia (Spanien), 17.06.2016.
- 2015 **Sibilants and ethnic diversity: A sociophonetic study of palatalized /s/ in STR clusters among Hispanic, White, and African-American speakers of Texas and Pittsburgh English** (mit Lars Hinrichs, Alexander Bergs, Erica Brozovsky, Brian Hodge, Kirsten Meemann and Patrick Schultz). NWAV 44, University of Toronto, 23.10.2015.
- 2015 **Enquoting voices on Twitter: A multi-local study of quotative BE + like in computer-mediated discourse.** BICLCE 6, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 20.08.2015.
- 2015 **'Nobody canna cross it': Ideological aspects of hyper-correct speech in Jamaica.** GAPS 2015, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 16.05.2015.
- 2015 **Which-hunting and the Standard English relative clause** (with Lars Hinrichs and Benedikt Szmrecsanyi). iMean 4, University of Warwick, 11.04.2015.
- 2014 **Enquoting voices on Twitter: A multi-local analysis of BE + like in computer-mediated discourse.** ISLE 3, Universität Zürich, 26.08.2014.
- 2013 **The interactional dynamics of speaky spoky.** ICLCE 5, The University of Texas at Austin, 27.09.2013.
- 2013 **Unusually strong impact of prescriptive rules on language use: The case of object-function restrictive relativizers in written Standard English** (with Lars Hinrichs

- and Benedikt Szmrecsanyi). The Fourth Conference on Prescriptivism, Universiteit Leiden, 12.06.2013.
- 2013 **Discourse in motion: A mixed-methods case study from Jamaica.** ISLE (Post-) Doctoral Spring School, University of Freiburg, 15.04.2013.
- 2013 **Dialect leveling in Texas English: A mixed-methods approach to real-time change in the GOOSE vowel** (with Lars Hinrichs). SALSA 21, The University of Texas at Austin, 13.04.2013.
- 2012 **Degree of fronting and F2 trajectory type in the Central Texas GOOSE vowel** (with Lars Hinrichs). NWAV 41, Indiana University Bloomington, 27.10.2012.
- 2012 **The contested role of African American English in German rap discourse.** Hip Hop Literacies, Ohio State University, Columbus, 10.05.2012.
- 2011 **Local appropriations of global English: The case of German hip hop culture.** ICLCE IV, Universität Osnabrück, 21.07.2011.
- 2011 **Sacred that and wicked which: Prescriptivism and change in the use of relativizers.** SALSA 19, The University of Texas at Austin, 16.04.2011.

## Invited talks

- 2024 **World Englishes: Models, corpora, contexts.** Invited talk at the University of Regensburg. 10.01.2024.
- 2022 **Word dissemination along the S-curve of linguistic change.** Konstanz Linguistics Research Colloquium, Universität Konstanz. 30.06.2022.
- 2021 **Diatopic variation in digital space: What Twitter can tell us about Texas dialect areas** (mit Alex Rosenfeld and Lars Hinrichs). Linguistic Variation in European Languages - New Perspectives on Diasystematic Variation at the Occasion of the Centenary of Coseriu's Birth (1921-2021), Copenhagen. 25.11.2021.
- 2021 **The promise of nine decades' worth of interviews: Building the Digital Archive of Texas English Speech.** (with Lars Hinrichs). DIGI Colloquium, University of Georgia. 22.01.2021.
- 2020 **The sloth, the ant, and the invisible hand: Linguists looking to physicists for help.** Institute for Quantum Optics and Quantum Information at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Ursin Group Retreat. 09.10.2020.
- 2020 **Researching New Englishes with Twitter.** New Englishes, New Methods, New Modes: Researching New Englishes online. Workshop of the 'New Englishes, New Methods' research network. Online. 19.06.2020.
- 2020 **Language and the Nobel Prize in Physics.** Geisteswissenschaften in den 2020ern / Humanities in the 2020s. Workshop at Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg. 19.02.2020.
- 2018 **English on Twitter worldwide.** Invited talk in "Language and the media" (Instructor: Lars Hinrichs). The University of Texas at Austin. 19.03.2018.
- 2016 **'Nobody canna cross it': Jamaican sociolinguistics, language ideologies, and speaky spoky.** Lecture series Critical Issues in Linguistics, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. 19.04.2016.
- 2014 **'Nobody canna cross it': Styling hyper-correct speech in Jamaica.** Invited talk in "English-based Pidgins and Creoles around the World" (Instructor: Danae Perez), Universität Zürich (Schweiz). 24.11.2014.
- 2014 **Language change because Internet? A variationist examination of because X on Twitter.** Invited talk in "British English and American English: Corpus-Based Comparisons" (Instructor: Lars Hinrichs), Universität Augsburg. 03.06.2014.
- 2013 **Language ideological dimensions of hyper-correct speech in Jamaica.** Colloquium at the Department of Culture and Identity, Roskilde Universitet (Dänemark). 14.05.2013.

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## Outreach and knowledge transfer

- 2022 **Qualitativ - quantitativ - digital: Methodologische Zugänge in den Geisteswissenschaften**. Panelist at townhall discussion at the University of Vienna, 18.11.2022.
- 2019 **Titles are boring**. Science Slam. DOC-CON 2019, Freiburg, 24.05.2019.
- 2019 **Grenz-Lines - Wie rassistisch ist der Gangsta-Rap?**. Panelist at townhall discussion of the NS-Dokumentationszentrum München, 14.03.2019.
- 2017 **Intelligente Faulheit**. Contribution to the "Lange Nacht der Universität", Freiburg, 23.11.2017.
- 2017 **Lazy linguistics**. Workshop on science communication, Spemann Graduate School of Biology and Medicine doctoral retreat, Feldberg, 22.09.2017.
- 2016 **Two candidates - One accent** (with Erica Brozovsky, Salvatore Callesano, Noli Chew, Kirsten Meemann, Lars Hinrichs, Patrick Schultz). Linguistics Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2016 **Cool tools: Interactive mapping with Google Fusion Tables**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2015 **Cool tools: Podcasting with Audacity (and beyond)**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2015 **Twitter's open heart surgery: More than just cosmetic**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2015 **The problem with appropriation**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2015 **African American English, appropriation and corporate culture killers**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2015 **Examining code, debugging rhetoric**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2015 **What color is the Twitter bird?**. Digital Writing and Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2014 **Vowel power: Methods** (mit Lars Hinrichs and Erica Brozovsky). Linguistics Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2014 **Vowel power: Local accents and stylistic versatility in the 2014 race for Texas Governor** (mit Lars Hinrichs and Erica Brozovsky). Linguistics Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2014 **Versing**. Zeugma, the Digital Writing and Research Lab's rhet-tech podcast (Staffel 2: Folge 10), The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2014 **Riffing** (mit Jake Cowan, Duncan Moench, Beck Wise and Megan Eatman). Zeugma, the Digital Writing and Research Lab's rhet-tech podcast (Staffel 2: Folge 9), The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2014 **S[up]porting**. Zeugma, the Digital Writing and Research Lab's rhet-tech podcast (Staffel 2: Folge 5), The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)
- 2014 **Mythmaking**. Zeugma, the Digital Writing and Research Lab's rhet-tech podcast (Staffel 1: Folge 7) , The University of Texas at Austin. [\[link\]](#)