

## Yanis da Cunha

Current position: 2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD student at LLF and member of Labex EFL  
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Interests: Experimental and statistical methods, formalization in syntax, semantics and phonology.

Tools: R, Python, Praat, CQL, Regex.

Languages: French, Spanish, English.

### PhD thesis in preparation

Topic: “Gender as a prominence feature in syntax”

Supervised by Anne Abeillé

Funded by a 3 years grant from the Doctoral School “Sciences du Langage” (ED 622)  
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### Degrees

- **2020-2021: Master 2 – Theoretical and experimental linguistics at Université Paris Cité.** Grade mean: 18.7/20. Master thesis: “Active/passive alternation in spoken and written French: a quantitative and formal study” (20/20). Classes taken: Advanced theoretical syntax (18.5/20), Inferential statistics, Psycholinguistics (19/20), Theoretical phonology (19/20), Fieldwork (19/20), Romance linguistics (19.5/20), Prosodic analysis (19/20).

- **2019-2020: Master 1 – Theoretical and experimental linguistics at Université Paris Cité.** Grade mean: 18/20. Master thesis: “Active/passive alternation in written French: a corpus study of preferential constraints.” (20/20). Classes taken: New syntactic theories (19/20), Advanced experimental syntax (18/20), Text corpora manipulation (19/20), Experimental design (19/20), Phonetics (19/20), Phonology (18/20), Advanced morphology (18/20), Formal semantics (16/20), Non-Indo-European linguistics (19/20).

- **2016-2019: Bachelor’s degree at Université Sorbonne Nouvelle.** Grade mean: 18/20.

### Other education

- October 5-8 2021: Workshop *Quantifying and interpreting variation in speech: introduction to Bayesian statistics* by Bodo Winter, PCCM 7 - The 7th Paris-Cologne Collaborative Meeting.

- June 2021: Workshop *Advanced Crash Course in R: A Tidyverse and Language Perspective* par Kirsten Morehouse, Harvard’s Women in Psychology (WiP)

- 2020-2021: Experimental linguistics seminar (Abeillé & Hemforth) at Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle on island constraints.

- February-March 2021: *The Birmingham Lectures: Language Structure and Language Use.*

- Janvier 2021: Luigi Rizzi seminar at Collège de France. *Cartography and minimalism: complexity of structures, simplicity of mechanisms.*

### Teaching

- 2022: New syntactic theories (MA 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year)

- 2022: Introduction to syntax (MA 1<sup>st</sup> year)

- 2022: Syntactic theories (Last year BA)

- 2022: French grammar (Last year BA)
- 2021: Introduction to general linguistics (First year BA)
- 2021: Syntax (Last year BA)

## Academic experiences

- 2021-2022: Co-organizer of the joint PhD seminar of the laboratory Structures Formelles du Langage (SFL) and Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (LLF).

- **December 2020 - June 2021: Internship at Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, supervised by Anne Abeillé and funded by a Labex EFL grant.** Corpus study and statistical analysis on the French passive construction.

- January 2021 - May 2021: Member of the *Dynamics Group: reading group on dynamical systems in phonology*, supervised by Ioana Chitoran. Formalization and implementation of a stress-assignment algorithm for European and Brazilian Portuguese.

- **February-April 2020: Research internship at Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, supervised by Suzane Lesage.** Corpus study and statistical analysis on French possessive determiners.

## Publications

Da Cunha Y. & Abeillé A. (2022, to appear). L'alternance actif/passif en français parlé: un modèle statistique. *Langue Française*.

Da Cunha Y. & Abeillé A. Objectifying women? A syntactic bias in French and English corpora. LREC: 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference. June 20-25 2022 (Marseille).

Da Cunha, Y., & Abeillé, A. (2020). L'alternance actif/passif en français : Une étude statistique sur corpus écrit. *Discours : revue de linguistique, psycholinguistique et informatique.*, (27), 25

## Communications

Da Cunha Y. Chorai I. & Abeillé A. Disentangling function assignment and word order preferences in Modern Greek. Exling conference. October 17-19 2022 (Université Paris Cité).

Da Cunha Y. Spoken-written variation in French active/passive alternation: an OT-LFG approach. LFG22: the 27th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference? July 12-14 2022 (University of Groningen).

Da Cunha Y. & Abeillé A. Subject or object? A gender bias in function assignment in French. GAC: 9th Grammar and Corpora Conference. June 30 - July 2 2022 (Ghent University).

Ferreira A. & da Cunha Y. Étude statistique sur corpus de l'alternance qu- / Ø en français: quel effet de la proximité communicative ? Programme doctoral en linguistique française « Français parlé(s), français écrit(s) ». May 12-13 2022 (University of Fribourg).

Da Cunha Y. & Abeillé A. The active/passive alternation in French: a statistical approach to variation. *NWAV 49: New Ways of Analyzing Variation*, October 19-24 2021 (*on-line*).

Da Cunha Y. & Abeillé A. L'alternance actif/passif en français: un modèle statistique sur corpus écrits et oraux. *Colloque "Description de l'oral et méthodes d'analyse en linguistique: perspectives actuelles"*, October 20-22 2021 (Université de Lorraine).

Da Cunha Y. & Abeillé A. The passive construction in written French: a corpus study. ICCG11: 11th International Conference of Construction Grammar, August 19-22 2021 (University of Antwerp).

## Website & social networks

- Website: [www.llf.cnrs.fr/fr/Gens/Da-Cunha](http://www.llf.cnrs.fr/fr/Gens/Da-Cunha)
- OSF Page (Open Science Framework): [osf.io/qe7pv](https://osf.io/qe7pv)
- Twitter account: [twitter.com/YanisLing](https://twitter.com/YanisLing)