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### CURRENT POSITION

Aug 2018 – Present Postdoctoral researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Oct 2016 – Dec 2018 Postdoctoral researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), University of Potsdam, Germany

Jan 2015 – Aug 2016 Sessional Instructor, Simon Fraser University, Canada

### RESEARCH INTERESTS AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS

*Discourse Analysis* Explicit and implicit coherence relations, signalling in discourse, discourse markers, continuity in discourse, discourse parsing, sentiment analysis  
*Corpus Linguistics* Corpus annotation, corpus development, annotation evaluation  
*Lexicography* Discourse connective lexicons, bilingual dictionaries, translation of technical terms  
*Theoretical Frameworks* Rhetorical Structure Theory, PDTB, Appraisal Theory, Systemic Functional Linguistics

### EDUCATION

2009 – 2014 Simon Fraser University, Canada  
Ph.D., Linguistics (2014)  
Dissertation Topic: Signalling of Coherence Relations in Discourse  
Thesis Supervisors: Dr. Paul McFetridge and Dr. Maite Taboada

2000 – 2007 University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India  
M.A., Linguistics (2007)  
B.A. Hons., English Literature and Language (2004)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Egg, Markus, & Das, Debopam. (to appear). Signalling Conditional Relations. *Linguistics Vanguard* (Special issue: *Natural Language Conditionals and Conditional Reasoning*).
- Das, Debopam, & Taboada, Maite. (2019). Multiple signals of coherence relations. *Discours*, 24 (online).
- Das, Debopam, & Taboada, Maite. (2018). RST Signalling Corpus: A corpus of signals of coherence relations. *Language Resources & Evaluation*, 52(1), 149-184.
- Das, Debopam, & Taboada, Maite. (2018). Signalling of Coherence Relations in Discourse, Beyond Discourse Markers. *Discourse Processes*, 55(8), 743-770.
- Trnavac, Radoslava, Das, Debopam, & Taboada, Maite. (2016). Discourse relations and evaluation. *Corpora*, 11(2), 169-190.
- Taboada, Maite, & Das, Debopam. (2013). Annotation upon annotation: Adding signalling information to a corpus of discourse relations. *Dialogue and Discourse*, 4(2), 249-281.

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

- Das, Debopam, Stede, Manfred, Ghosh, Soumya Sankar, & Chatterjee, Lahari. (2020). DiMLex-Bangla: A Lexicon of Bangla Discourse Connectives. *In proceedings of the LREC 2020*, Online.
- Das, Debopam (2019). Nuclearity in RST and signals of coherence relations. *In proceedings of the workshop on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking (NAACL 2019)*, Minneapolis, USA.

- Scheffler, Tatjana, Aktaş, Berfin, Das, Debopam, & Stede, Manfred. (2019). Annotating Shallow Discourse Relations in Twitter Conversations. In *proceedings of the workshop on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking (NAACL 2019)*, Minneapolis, USA.
- Das, Debopam, Scheffler, Tatjana, Bourgonje, Peter, & Stede, Manfred. (2018). Constructing a Lexicon of English Discourse Connectives. In *proceedings of the SIGDIAL 2018*, Melbourne, Australia.
- Das, Debopam. (2018). Discourse Segmentation in Bangla. In *proceedings of the 4th workshop on Indian Language Data: Resources and Evaluation (LREC 2018)*, Miyazaki, Japan.
- Das, Debopam, & Stede, Manfred. (2018). Developing the Bangla RST Discourse Treebank. In *proceedings of the LREC 2018*, Miyazaki, Japan.
- Das, Debopam, Taboada, Maite, & Stede, Manfred. (2017). The Good, the Bad, and the Disagreement: Complex ground truth in rhetorical structure analysis. In *proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Recent Advances in RST and Related Formalisms (EMNLP 2017)*, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
- Das, Debopam, & Taboada, Maite. (2013). Explicit and Implicit Coherence Relations: A Corpus Study. In *proceedings of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA) Conference*, University of Victoria, Canada.
- Das, Debopam. (2012). Investigating the Role of Discourse Markers in Signalling Coherence Relations: A Corpus Study. In *proceedings of the 28th Northwest Linguistics Conference*, University of Washington, Seattle, USA.
- Das, Debopam. (2010). The Uses and Distribution of Non-progressive Verbs in Progressive Forms in English: A Corpus-based Study. In *proceedings of the 26th Northwest Linguistics Conference*, Simon Fraser University, Canada.

#### TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Stede, Manfred, & Das, Debopam. (2018). *Bangla RST Discourse Treebank: Annotation Guidelines*. Manuscript. University of Potsdam, Germany.
- Stede, Manfred, Taboada, Maite, & Das, Debopam. (2017). *Annotation Guidelines for Rhetorical Structure*. Manuscript. University of Potsdam, Germany and Simon Fraser University, Canada.
- Das, Debopam. (2010). *Computational Analysis of Text Sentiment: A Report on Extracting Contextual Information about the Occurrence of Discourse Markers*. Technical Report, *Computational Analysis of Text Sentiment*, Simon Fraser University, Canada.

#### CORPORA

- Das, Debopam, & Stede, Manfred (partially completed). *The Bangla RST Discourse Treebank*. University of Potsdam & Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
- Das, Debopam, Taboada, Maite, & McFetridge, Paul. (2015). *RST Signalling Corpus*, LDC2015T10 (<https://catalog.ldc.upenn.edu/LDC2015T10>). Distributed through the Linguistic Data Consortium.

#### LEXICONS

- Das, Debopam, Ghosh, Soumya Sankar, & Chatterjee, Lahari (2018). *DiMLex-Bangla: A lexicon of Bangla discourse connective*. University of Potsdam, Germany.
- Das, Debopam, Scheffler, Tatjana, Bourgonje, Peter, & Stede, Manfred (2018). *DiMLex-Eng: A lexicon of English discourse connective*. University of Potsdam, Germany.

#### DISSERTATION

- Das, Debopam. (2014). *Signalling of Coherence Relations in Discourse*. Ph.D. dissertation, Simon Fraser University, Canada.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| Aug 2021  | Continuative and Contrastive Discourse Relations across Discourse Domains: Cognitive and Cross-Linguistic Approaches (workshop at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea). Online. Das, D. & Egg, M. (2021) Continuity in discourse: A case study on causal and contrastive relations. |
| Feb 2021  | The Semantics and Pragmatics of Conditional Connectives (workshop at the 43rd Annual Conference of the DGfS). Online. Egg, M. & Das, D. (2021) Signalling Conditional Relations.   |
| Sept 2019 | XPrag workshop on Contrasting Underspecification and Overspecification of Discourse Relations. ZAS Berlin, Germany. Das, D. & Egg, M. (2019) Caught in the middle with you: Between under- and overspecification of discourse relations.   |
| June 2019 | The Workshop on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking 2019. Minneapolis, USA. Das, D. (2019) Nuclearity in RST and signals of coherence relations.  |

- June 2019 The Workshop on Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking 2019. Minneapolis, USA. Das, D. (2019) Annotating Shallow Discourse Relations in Twitter Conversations.
- May 2018 The workshop on Implicit and explicit marking of discourse relations: the comparison between causals and conditionals. Osnabrück University, Germany. Das, D. (2018) Multiple Signals of Coherence Relations.
- May 2018 The 4th Workshop on Indian Language Data: Resources and Evaluation (WILDRE-4). Miyazaki, Japan. Das, D. (2018) Discourse Segmentation in Bangla.
- May 2018 The LREC 2018. Miyazaki, Japan. Das, D. (2018) Developing the Bangla RST Discourse Treebank.
- Sept 2017 The 6th Workshop on Recent Advances in RST and Related Formalisms. Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Das, D. (2017) The Good, the Bad, and the Disagreement: Complex ground truth in rhetorical structure analysis.
- July 2013 2013 LACUS Conference. Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, USA. Das, D. (2013) Signalling Subject Matter and Presentational Coherence Relations in Discourse: A Corpus Study.
- June 2013 Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA) Conference. University of Victoria, Canada. Das, D. (2013) Explicit and Implicit Coherence Relations: A Corpus Study.
- April 2012 2012 Northwest Linguistics Conference. University of Washington, Seattle, USA. Das, D. (2012) Investigating the Role of Discourse Markers in Signalling Coherence Relations: A Corpus Study.
- May 2010 26th Northwest Linguistics Conference. Simon Fraser University, Canada. Das, D. (2010) The Uses and Distribution of Non-progressive Verbs in Progressive Forms in English: A Corpus-based Study.
- Oct 2008 30th All India Conference of Linguists, Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute, Pune, India. Das, D. (2008) Technical Terms and Vernacular: Some Notes on Linguistic Terminology in Bangla.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Project	PI	Institution	Duration
Continuity in discourse	Dr. Debopam Das Dr. Markus Egg	Humboldt University of Berlin	Nov 2020 – Present
Bangla RST Discourse Treebank	Dr. Debopam Das Dr. Markus Egg	Humboldt University of Berlin	Aug 2018 – Present
Bangla Discourse Connective Lexicon	Dr. Debopam Das	University of Potsdam	Jan 2018 – Nov 2018
Bangla RST Discourse Treebank	Dr. Debopam Das Dr. Manfred Stede	University of Potsdam	Jun 2017 – Jul 2018
Underspecification and RST	Dr. Manfred Stede	University of Potsdam	Oct 2016 – Sept 2017
Coherence relations and appraisal	Dr. Maite Taboada	Simon Fraser University	Sept 2014 – Aug 2016
Signalling of coherence relations in discourse	Dr. Paul McFetridge Dr. Maite Taboada	Simon Fraser University	Sept 2009 – Aug 2014
Computational analysis of text sentiment	Dr. Maite Taboada	Simon Fraser University	Sept 2009 – Dec 2012
Multilingual dictionary from parallel corpora	Dr. Maite Taboada	Simon Fraser University	Jan 2011 – Apr 2011
A modern dictionary for readers with vernacular different than Bengali	Dr. Pabitra Sarkar	The Asiatic Society, India	Jan 2009 – Jul 2009
Defining key concepts in linguistics: A bilingual approach with text-machine interface	Dr. Krishna Bhattacharya	University of Calcutta, India	Aug 2007 – Dec 2008

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Position	Course	Terms
<b>Humboldt University of Berlin</b>		
Instructor	Discourse Structure and Processing	2021-2022 (Winter)
Instructor	Pragmatics	2018-2019 (Winter) – (2021 Summer)
<b>University of Potsdam</b>		
Instructor	Coherence Relations	2018 (Summer), 2017 (Summer)
	Human Discourse Processing	2018 (Summer), 2017 (Summer)
	Foundations of Linguistics	2017-2018 (Winter), 2016-2017 (Winter)
	Introduction to Discourse Analysis	2017-2018 (Winter), 2016-2017 (Winter)

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**Simon Fraser University**

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Sessional Instructor	LING 100: Communication and Language	2015 (Spring, Summer), 2016 (Summer)
	LING 160: Language, Culture and Society	2015 (Fall)
Teaching Assistant	LING 482: Discourse Analysis	2012 (Fall)
	LING 301: Linguistic Argumentation	2013 (Spring)
	LING 220: Introduction to Linguistics	2012 (Fall), 2014 (Fall)
Teaching Marker	LING 323: Morphology	2010 (Summer)
	LING 321: Phonology	2010 (Fall), 2011 (Summer), 2014 (Summer)
	LING 222: Introduction to Syntax	2011 (Spring, Summer, Fall), 2013 (Spring)
	LING 221: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	2010 (Fall), 2011 (Spring)
	LING 200: Introduction to the Description of English Grammar	2013 (Summer), 2014 (Summer)
	LING 110: The Wonder of Words	2010 (Spring, Summer, Fall), 2011 (Spring, Summer, Fall), 2012 (Spring, Summer), 2013 (Fall), 2014 (Spring)
	LING 100: Communication and Language	2014 (Spring, Summer)

**THESES SUPERVISION**

Sept, 2017 – Dec, 2017	Sebastian Golly	Bachelor's thesis	Co-supervisor	University of Potsdam
Sept, 2017 – Oct, 2017	Danny Belitz	Bachelor's thesis	Co-supervisor	University of Potsdam

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Graduate Fellowship, Dean of Graduate Studies, SFU	2014 (Spring), 2012 (Fall, Spring)
Community Trust Endowment Fund Graduate Fellowship, SFU	2014 (Spring), 2009 & 2011 (Fall)
Travel and Minor Research Award, Dean of Graduate Studies, SFU	2013 (Fall)
Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA), Dean of Graduate Studies, SFU	2013 (Summer)
President's PhD Scholarship, Dean of Graduate Studies, SFU	2013 (Spring)
Winner of the Three Minute Thesis Competition, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, SFU	2013
People's Choice Winner of the Three Minute Thesis Competition, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, SFU	2013

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**SERVICE**

Nov, 2016 – Nov, 2017	Habilitation Colloquium Committee of Dr. Alexander Geyken, University of Potsdam
Jan, 2014 – Aug, 2014	Manager, Discourse Research Group, Dept. of Linguistics, SFU
Jan, 2012 – Aug, 2014	Treasurer, Linguistics Graduate Studies Association, SFU
Fall, 2009 – Fall, 2011	Member, Colloquium Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, SFU

**REVIEWING**

Journals	Pragmatics, Dialogue and Discourse, Current Psychology, Discourse Processes, Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory, Corpus Pragmatics, International Journal of Corpus Linguistics, Language Resource and Evaluation Journal, Linguistics Vanguard, Semantic Web Journal
Conferences	EACL 2021 Conference, COLING 2020 Conference, STARSEM 2020 Conference, ACL 2020 Conference, LREC 2020 Conference, DISRPT (RST workshop 2019)

**ORGANIZER**

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Organizer	Explicit and implicit relations: Different, but how exactly?	Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	Jan 17-18, 2020
Co-organizer	DISRPT – Discourse Relation Parsing and Treebanking (7th Workshop on Rhetorical Structure Theory and Related Formalisms)	Minneapolis, USA	June 6, 2019

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**WORKSHOPS**

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Participant	Moderating Masterclass: Key skills in English for chairpersons, moderators and discussion leaders	Potsdam Graduate School, Potsdam	March 22-23, 2018
Participant	International Teaching Professional Program	Potsdam Graduate School, Potsdam	Aug, 2017 – Nov, 2018
Instructor	Practice Session for 2013 North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO)	Simon Fraser University, Canada	Jan 19, 2013
Participant	Workshops for instructors in writing courses	Simon Fraser University, Canada	Oct 10 & Nov 6, 2012

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**LANGUAGES**

Bangla (native), English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), German (beginner), Spanish (beginner)

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**REFERENCES**

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