

Curriculum Vitae of PD Dr. habil. Feiyu Xu

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Profile

Feiyu Xu studied technical translation at Tongji University in Shanghai after having been nominated and selected with a waiver of the national admission exam in year 1987. She then studied computational linguistics at Saarland University from 1992 to 1998 and graduated by receiving a Diplom (MSc) with distinction. Her PhD-Thesis is about "bootstrapping relation extraction from semantic seed" in "information extraction". In 2014, Feiyu Xu has completed habilitation in big text data analytics.

Since 1998 she has been working at the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) where she is now Principal Researcher and head of a research group for text analytics in the Language Technology Lab. Now she is leading a research group of more than 10 researchers and software engineers and 10 research assistants.

Since 2004, she is vice-director of the Joint Research Laboratory for Language Technology of Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Saarland University.

In 2012, Feiyu Xu has won Google Focused Research Award for Natural Language Understanding as co-PI with Hans Uszkoreit and Roberto Navigli. In 2014, Feiyu Xu was honored as DFKI Research Fellow.

She has extensive experience in multilingual information systems, information extraction, text mining, big data analytics, business intelligence, question answering and mobile applications of NLP technologies. She has successfully led more than 30 national and international research and development projects. She has broad and in-depth experience of the total cycle of innovation in her expert areas, namely, from basic research, to application and development and finally to products and their commercialization.

Beyond research activities, Feiyu Xu has been co-founder and interim managing director of a DFKI spin-off company, Yocoy Technologies GmbH, since 2007. Under her leadership, Yocoy has successfully developed more than 30 mobile applications as multilingual communication assistants for English, Chinese, French, German and Spanish speaking tourism markets, available for iOS and Android with users from more than 100 countries.

Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading national, European and international research projects • Initialization and acquisition of national and international research projects • Acquisition and administration of industry projects • Initialization and administration of international academic collaborations • Design and development of research concepts and their implementation • Design and development of innovative mobile application products • (Co-)Supervision of PhD and master theses and teaching • Interim Management of a start-up company in the early phase 	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Researcher 2016 – present • Head of Research Group Text Analytics at DFKI Language Technology Lab 2014 – present • Senior Researcher and project leader at DFKI Language Technology Lab 2008 – 2014 • Co-founder and interim managing director of Yocoy Technologies GmbH 2007 – present • Vice-Director of the Joint Research Lab between Shanghai Jiao Tong University and the Saarland University 2004 – present • Senior Software Engineer and project leader at DFKI Language Technology Lab 2000 – 2008 • Researcher at DFKI Language Technology Lab 1998 – 2000 	
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habilitation in Computational Linguistics at Saarland University <i>Thesis title: "Domain-Adaptive Relation Extraction for Big Textual Data Analytics"</i> 2015 • PhD degree in Computational Linguistics at Saarland University. <i>Thesis title: "Bootstrapping Relation Extraction from Semantic Seeds" (with "magna cum laude")</i> 2007 • Diploma degree in Computational Linguistics at the Saarland University. <i>Thesis title: "Semantic Underspecification and Ellipsis Resolution" (with "distinction")</i> 1998 	
Awards/Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFKI Research Fellow 2014 • Co-PI of Google Focused Research Award for Natural Language Understanding together with Hans Uszkoreit as PI and Roberto Navigli as Co-PI (funded by Google) 2013 • LT-Innovate Award at LT-Innovate Summit 2012 for Yocoy as one of the best Showcases for Language Technology (funded by EU) 2012 • Apps 4 Berlin award for the Yocoy <i>YoBerlin</i> project proposal (funded by the State of Berlin) 2011 	

Scholarships

- Guest researcher at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
- Guest researcher at University of Texas, Dallas, USA

May 2002
March 2004

Language Skills

- Chinese (native)
- English (fluent)
- German (fluent)