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Education

- **National University of Ireland** Galway, Ireland
College of Engineering and Informatics, Ph.D. Natural Language Processing 10/2015 – 02/2019
 - **University of Copenhagen** Copenhagen, Denmark
Research visit, Natural Language Processing Group, Computer Science Department 04/2017 – 06/2017
 - **Trinity College** Dublin, Ireland
Semester abroad, School of Computer Science and Statistics, Computer Science and Language 09/2014 – 01/2015
 - **Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg** Heidelberg, Germany
Institute of Computational Linguistics, B.A. Computational Linguistics, English Linguistics 10/2012 – 09/2015
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Experience

- **DeepMind** London, United Kingdom
Research Scientist 03/2019 – Present
 - **AYLIEN** Dublin, Ireland
Research Scientist 10/2015 – 02/2019
 - **IBM** Munich, Germany
Extreme Blue Intern, Watson 08/2015 – 09/2015
 - **Microsoft** Dublin, Ireland
Linguistic Engineering Intern, Xbox 02/2015 – 06/2015
 - **The OpenCog Foundation** opencog.org
Google Summer of Code Intern Summer 2014
 - **Lingenio GmbH** Heidelberg, Germany
Software Engineering Intern Spring 2014
 - **SAP** Walldorf, Germany
Working Student, Development University 02/2013 – 02/2014
 - **TEMIS** Heidelberg, Germany
Freelancing Developer 02/2013 – 10/2013
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Books

1. Anders Søgaard, Ivan Vulić, **Sebastian Ruder**, Manaal Faruqui (2019). Cross-lingual Word Embeddings. *Morgan & Claypool Publishers*.

PhD thesis

2. **Sebastian Ruder** (2019). Neural Transfer Learning for Natural Language Processing. *National University of Ireland, Galway*.

Refereed conference publications

3. Goran Glavaš, Robert Litschko, **Sebastian Ruder**, Ivan Vulić (2019). How to (Properly) Evaluate Cross-Lingual Word Embeddings: On Strong Baselines, Comparative Analyses, and Some Misconceptions. In *Proceedings of ACL 2019*, Florence, Italy.
4. **Sebastian Ruder**, Joachim Bingel, Isabelle Augenstein, Anders Søgaard (2019). Latent Multi-task Architecture Learning. In *Proceedings of AAAI 2019*, Honolulu, Hawaii.

5. Victor Sanh, Thomas Wolf, **Sebastian Ruder** (2019). A Hierarchical Multi-task Approach for Learning Embeddings from Semantic Tasks. In *Proceedings of AAAI 2019*, Honolulu, Hawaii.
6. **Sebastian Ruder***, Ryan Cotterell*, Yova Kementchedjheva, Anders Søgaard (2019). A Discriminative Latent-Variable Model for Bilingual Lexicon Induction. In *Proceedings of EMNLP 2018*, Brussels, Belgium.
7. Yova Kementchedjheva, **Sebastian Ruder**, Ryan Cotterell, Anders Søgaard (2018). Generalizing Procrustes Analysis for Better Bilingual Dictionary Induction. In *Proceedings of CoNLL 2018*, Brussels, Belgium.
8. **Sebastian Ruder**, Barbara Plank (2018). Strong Baselines for Neural Semi-supervised Learning under Domain Shift. In *Proceedings of ACL 2018*, Melbourne, Australia.
9. Jeremy Howard*, **Sebastian Ruder*** (2018). Universal Language Model Fine-tuning for Text Classification. In *Proceedings of ACL 2018*, Melbourne, Australia.
10. Anders Søgaard, **Sebastian Ruder**, Ivan Vulić (2018). On the Limitations of Unsupervised Bilingual Dictionary Induction. In *Proceedings of ACL 2018*, Melbourne, Australia.
11. **Sebastian Ruder**, John Glover, Afshin Mehrabani, Parsa Ghaffari (2018). 360° Stance Detection. In *Proceedings of NAACL-HLT 2018: System Demonstrations*, New Orleans, US.
12. Isabelle Augenstein*, **Sebastian Ruder***, Anders Søgaard (2018). Multi-task Learning of Pairwise Sequence Classification Tasks Over Disparate Label Spaces. In *Proceedings of NAACL-HLT 2018*, New Orleans, US.
13. **Sebastian Ruder**, Barbara Plank (2017). Learning to select data for transfer learning with Bayesian Optimization. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, Copenhagen, Denmark.
14. **Sebastian Ruder**, Parsa Ghaffari, John G. Breslin (2016). A Hierarchical Model of Reviews for Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis. In *Proceedings of the 2016 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, pages 999–1005, Austin, Texas, US.

Journal publications

15. **Sebastian Ruder**, Ivan Vulić, Anders Søgaard (2019). A Survey Of Cross-lingual Word Embedding Models. To be published in *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*.

Tutorials

16. **Sebastian Ruder**, Matthew E. Peters, Swabha Swayamdipta, Thomas Wolf (2019). Transfer Learning in Natural Language Processing. In *Proceedings of the 2019 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Tutorials*, pages 15-18.

Refereed workshop publications

17. Matthew Peters*, **Sebastian Ruder***, Noah A. Smith (2019). To Tune or Not to Tune? Adapting Pretrained Representations to Diverse Tasks. In *Proceedings of RepL4NLP at ACL 2019*, Florence, Italy.
18. **Sebastian Ruder**, Parsa Ghaffari, John G. Breslin (2016). Towards a continuous modeling of natural language domains. In *Proceedings of EMNLP 2016 Workshop on Uphill Battles in Language Processing: Scaling Early Achievements to Robust Methods*, pages 53-57, Austin, Texas, US.
19. Ian D. Wood and **Sebastian Ruder** (2016). Emoji as emotion tags for tweets. In *Emotion and Sentiment Analysis Workshop, LREC*, Portorož, Slovenia.
20. **Sebastian Ruder**, Parsa Ghaffari, John G. Breslin (2016). INSIGHT-1 at SemEval-2016 Task 4: Convolutional Neural Networks for Sentiment Classification and Quantification. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval 2016)*, San Diego, US.
21. **Sebastian Ruder**, Parsa Ghaffari, John G. Breslin (2016). INSIGHT-1 at SemEval-2016 Task 5: Convolutional Neural Networks for Multilingual Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval 2016)*, San Diego, US.

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Preprints

22. Chris Hokamp, **Sebastian Ruder**, John Glover (2018). Off-the-Shelf Unsupervised NMT. arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.02278.
 23. **Sebastian Ruder** (2017). An Overview of Multi-Task Learning in Deep Neural Networks. arXiv preprint arXiv:1706.05098.
 24. **Sebastian Ruder**, Parsa Ghaffari, John G. Breslin (2017). Data Selection Strategies for Multi-Domain Sentiment Analysis. arXiv preprint arXiv:1702.02426.
 25. **Sebastian Ruder**, Parsa Ghaffari, John G. Breslin (2017). Knowledge Adaptation: Teaching to Adapt. arXiv preprint arXiv:1702.02052.
 26. **Sebastian Ruder** (2016). An overview of gradient descent optimization algorithms. arXiv preprint arXiv:1609.04747.
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Certificates and awards

- Google Developer Expert – Machine Learning 12/2017 – 02/2019
 - Scholarship of the Irish Research Council 10/2015 – 02/2019
 - Scholarship of the *Cusanuswerk*, one of the 13 German sponsorship organizations 04/2014 – 09/2015
 - Microsoft Certified Professional (Programming in C#) 06/2015
 - Best Delegate award in various Model United Nations conferences 11/2012 – 01/2014
 - Second and third prizes *Bundeswettbewerb Fremdsprachen*, national foreign languages competition 2007 – 2008
 - First and second prizes *Landeswettbewerb Mathematik*, state mathematics competition 2006 – 2008
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Languages and Technologies

Programming Languages: Python, Java, C#, R, C, \LaTeX , Prolog, JavaScript, SPARQL

Technologies: SciPy, NumPy, Keras, TensorFlow, DyNet, scikit-learn, NLTK, CoreNLP, MALLET, Weka, UNIX, Git

Natural Languages: Fluent in German and English, advanced in French and Spanish, beginner in Portuguese and Latin

Open Source Contributions: The OpenCog Foundation

Service and professional activities

- **Reviewer for journals:** Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing; Artificial Intelligence; IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine; Natural Language Engineering
 - **Reviewer for workshops:** RELNLP 2018, DeepLo 2018, SemEval-2016 Task 5
 - **Reviewer for conferences:** ACL 2018, 2019; ICML 2019; NAACL-HLT 2019; ICLR 2019; EMNLP 2018; CoNLL 2018
 - **Organizer:** NLP Dublin Meetup¹; NLP Session at Deep Learning Indaba 2018², 2019
 - **Workshop organizer:** 4th Workshop on Representation Learning for NLP (RepL4NLP) at ACL 2019
 - **Tutorial organizer:** Transfer Learning in NLP at NAACL-HLT 2019; Unsupervised Cross-lingual Representation Learning at ACL 2019
 - **Chair:** Program chair at EurNLP 2019³; Publication chair at CoNLL 2019; Publicity chair at EMNLP 2019
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Talks

Talks are available at <http://ruder.io/talks/>.

¹<https://www.meetup.com/NLP-Dublin/>

²<http://www.deeplearningindaba.com/schedule-2018.html>

³<https://www.eurnlp.org/>