**Book presentation: ‘Verbal Periphrasis in Ancient Greek: Have- and Be- Constructions’ (OUP 2016)**

In this presentation, I will introduce my recently published monograph, ‘Verbal Periphrasis in Ancient Greek: Have- and Be- constructions’ (OUP 2016). This monograph, which forms a revised version of my doctoral dissertation, concerns the use of multi-word ‘periphrastic’ constructions in Ancient Greek, in particular the combination of the verbs ‘to be’ (*eimi*) and ‘to have’ (*ekhô*) with a present, perfect, or aorist participle. It shows that, whereas Ancient Greek is typically thought of as a ‘synthetic’ language, already at the earliest stages of the language one finds periphrastic construc­tions of the type *ên ginomenon* “it was happening” or *ekhei thaumasas* “he has wondered”. The book is divided in two main parts: a synchronic part, where I discuss how the notions ‘verbal’ and ‘adjectival’ peri­phrasis can be understood, and a diachronic part, where I discuss the use and development of periphrastic constructions in the three main aspectual domains, that is, perfect, imperfective and perfective aspect (from the eighth century BC to the eighth century AD). To conclude the presen­tation, I will briefly discuss my current, post-doctoral research project, where I further investigate the relationship between language and social context on the basis of a corpus of documentary papyri.