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She wrote her doctoral dissertation on new technologies in language learning and teaching and was awarded a PhD in English in May 2000. In 2006 she completed her *Habilitation*, which focuses on students' attitudes towards online/blended learning in the context of individual learner differences.

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