

## New article by Dr Catherine Smith

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Dr Catherine Smith, a research fellow at ITSEE, has an article in a special issue of the *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* focussing on "Current Issues in Phraseology":

Michaela Mahlberg, Catherine Smith and Simon Preston, "Phrases in literary contexts. Patterns and distributions of suspensions in Dickens's novels." *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 18:1 (2013) 35–56. doi [10.1075/ijcl.18.1.05mah](https://doi.org/10.1075/ijcl.18.1.05mah)  
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The paper shows how corpus linguistic methods can assist with the study of interruptions of five words or more within the speech of a fictional character in Dickens, based on exhaustive searches of an electronic textual corpus. The conclusion is that such suspensions are discernible units which contribute to meaningful patterns in narrative prose.

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