Absent words - prosodically conditioned ellipsis in German.

Various types of ellipsis have been treated as phenomena which are either syntactically conditioned (coordination reduction, gapping) or phonologically conditioned (p-word deletion, p-reduction). In this talk, I will expand on the second approach and discuss cases such as Herbst- und Frühlingsblumen, Ostersonntag oder -montag. Focus is on the prosodic context for such deletion phenomena in terms of prosodic heads, expanding on previous work by Booij (1985), Klein (1993), Wiese (1996).