

Curriculum Vitae

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Position: Research associate at the Chair of Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics, University of Tübingen

Education

- 10/2013 – 11/2019 *Ph.D. student*
 English Linguistics (*summa cum laude*: with highest honors)
 Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
 Thesis: *Comparing Comparatives: New Perspectives from Fieldwork and Processing*
 Committee: Sigrid Beck, Manfred Krifka, Gerhard Jäger, Britta Stolterfoht, Tilman Berger
- 01/2016 – 05/2016 *Visiting Researcher*
 Department of Linguistics
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 Sponsor: Seth Cable
- 2005 – 2013 *Master and Staatsexamen* (state exam)
 1.) English & French (Staatsexamen, completed July 2012)
 2.) English Linguistics & Romance Philology (M.A. with distinction, completed August 2013)
 Thesis: *The Semantics of Degree Constructions and their Acquisition: A Corpus-based Study*.
 Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
 Advisors: Sigrid Beck, Bernhard Schwarz
- 09/2010 – 04/2011 *Research Trainee*
 Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montréal (CA)
 Sponsor: Bernhard Schwarz
- 10/2007 – 04/2008 *Language Assistant for German language*
 Collèges *André Lassagne* & *Victor Schoelcher*, Lyon (France)

Employment

- 10/2018 – present *Research Associate*
 English Department, Chair of Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics
 Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
- 01/2014 – 09/2018 *Researcher*
 Collaborative Research Center 833 (SFB 833), Project C1 “Variation in the Interpretation Component of Grammar” (PI: Sigrid Beck)

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

11/2012 – 12/2013

Research Assistant

English Department, Chair of Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

11/2012 – 03/2013

Administrative Assistant

Collaborative Research Center 833 (SFB 833)
Project Z2 (Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG))

07/2011 – 10/2012

Student Research Assistant

Collaborative Research Center 833 (SFB 833)
Project C1 “Variation in the Interpretation Component of Grammar” (PI:
Sigrid Beck)
Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG)

11/2005 – 08/2010

Student Assistant

English Department, Chair of Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Publications

2022

together with Anna Howell, Vera Hohaus, Konstantin Sachs and Sigrid Beck
“(No) Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives”. *Linguistic Variation* 22(1): 1-77. Open access here: <https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.19010.how>

2020

together with Anna Howell
“(No) Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives: Intervention Effects in Russian”, Proceedings of *FASL* 26.

2019

together with Robin Hörnig
“The Processing of Ambiguous Degree Constructions in German”,
Proceedings of *Linguistic Evidence 2018: Experimental Data drives Linguistic Theory*, 229-244.

2019

“Comparisons in Nenets: About a Language that Decided to have Degrees and also Use them.” *Ural-Altai Studies* 35:4, 18-35. Electronic ISSN 2500-2902.

2018

Book review of “The Semantics of Evaluativity” by Jessica Rett. *Language*, Volume.94, Number 3, 723-727.

2015

together with Vera Hohaus
“The Crosslinguistic Inventory of Phrasal Comparative Operators: Evidence from Russian”, Proceedings of *FASL* 23, 1-19.

2014

“Acquisition of Russian degree constructions: A Corpus-Based Study.”
Proceedings of *FASL* 22, 1-22.

2014

"Acquisition of Russian Comparison Constructions - Semantics Meets First Language Acquisition". Kohlberger, M., K. Bellamy & E. Dutton (eds.). *ConSOLE XXI: Proceedings of the 21st Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, 45-65. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.

2009 together with Sigrid Beck & Katja Pflugfelder
 "The Use of *Again* in 19th Century vs. Present Day English." *Syntax* 12:3, 193-214.

Edited volume

2016 Bade, Nadine, Polina Berezovskaya & Anthea Schöller (2016): *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*.
<http://siteground357.com/~semant60/Archive/GRmOGQ4N/SUB20html4.html>

Selected talks

- June 24, 2021 "About a Metalinguistic Degree Suffix in Tundra Nenets."
 Online talk at [TripleA8](#), National University of Singapore
- May 4, 2021 "Degree Modification in Tundra Nenets and Beyond."
 Online **Invited talk** at the *Syntax/Semantik Kolloquium*, Universität Potsdam
- February 16, 2018 With Fabian Schlotterbeck & Oliver Bott: "The Processing of Ambiguous Degree Constructions in German." Poster at Proceedings of *Linguistic Evidence 2018*, Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen
- May 20, 2017 With Anna Howell: "(No) Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives – Intervention Effects in Russian."
FASL 26 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- September 9, 2016 "Comparison in Nenets: About a Language that Decided to have Degrees and also Use them."
6th Conference on Samoyedology, Institute of Linguistics RAS Moscow, Russia
- April 16, 2016 "Processing Ambiguous Degree Constructions Crosslinguistically."
ECO-5 Graduate Student Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, USA
- March 17, 2016 "'Small Degrees': Degree Modification in Nenets."
Ling-Lunch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, USA
- March 2, 2016 "Small-Degree Modifiers in Nenets."
Semantics Workshop, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
- January 5, 2016 "Only IF Do Fieldwork beyond the Polar Circle - Exclusive Particle(s) in Nenets."
Invited Talk at the *Syntax/Semantik Kolloquium*, Universität Potsdam
- October 6, 2015 "A little bit taller, taller or just tall - The Peculiarities of Nenets Comparison Constructions."
Invited Talk at the Institute of Linguistic Studies, Saint Petersburg
- June 3, 2015 "The Positive Puzzle in the Semantics of Nenets Comparison Constructions."
Invited Talk at the *Semantikzirkel*, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin

- May 3, 2014 With Vera Hohaus: "The Crosslinguistic Inventory of Phrasal Comparative Operators: Evidence from Russian."
FASL 23 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) at University of California, Berkeley, USA
- May 4, 2013 "Acquisition of Russian Degree Constructions – A Corpus-Based Study."
FASL 22 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
- April 11, 2013 "A Parametric Approach to the Acquisition of Russian Degree Constructions."
Invited talk at *LUSH (Leiden Utrecht Semantics Happenings)* at Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands
- January 9, 2013 "Acquisition of Russian Comparison Constructions - Semantics Meets First Language Acquisition."
ConSOLE XXI at Universität Potsdam, Germany
- July 10, 2007 "The Use of *Again* in 19th Century vs. Present Day English."
3rd Late Modern English Conference at Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands

Fieldwork trips

- 09/2016 – 10/2016,
09/2014 – 10/2014 Naryan-Mar, NAO (Nenets Autonomous Okrug), Russia.
Recruitment and work with Nenets informants
- 09/2015 – 10/2015 Saint Petersburg, Russia.
Recruitment and work with Nenets informants
- 02/2014 – 03/2014 Archangelsk & Saint Petersburg, Russia.
Recruitment and work with Nenets informants

Awards and grants

- 06/2013 – 06/2015 Ph.D. Fellowship
German National Academic Foundation (*Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*)
- January 11, 2013 Prize for "Best presentation" at *ConSOLE XXI*, Universität Potsdam
- 11/2009 – 07/2012 Student Fellowship
German National Academic Foundation (*Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*),
Germany's largest sponsor of intellectually outstanding students (admission rate in 2013: 0.5 % of German student population)
- 09/2010 – 04/2011 Scholarship for the Fall and Winter Term at McGill University
German National Foundation (*Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*)
- July 2010 Scholarship for the academic exchange with McGill University (declined)
Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium
- 10/2007 – 04/2008 Funding for the assistance at schools in Lyon, France
German Pedagogic Exchange Service (PAD)

Teaching

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| Winter Term 20/21 | <i>Primary Instructor</i> (with Doris Penka) “Advanced Research in Semantics” (research/grad. seminar) taught online Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Winter Term 20/21 Summer term 2020 & Summer term 2021 | <i>Primary Instructor</i> “Compositional Semantics I” (grad. seminar) taught online English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Winter Term 19/20 & Summer term 2019 | <i>Primary Instructor</i> “Structural Differences between English and German” (grad. seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Winter Term 19/20 Summer Term 2019 Winter Term 15/16 & Summer Term 2015 | <i>Primary Instructor</i> (together with Andrea Weber and Andreas Konietzko) “Introduction to Linguistics” (undergraduate lecture) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Winter Term 14/15 | <i>Primary Instructor</i> "Structure & Meaning - The Perspective from Acquisition"(undergrad. seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Summer Term 2014 | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Primary Instructor: Oliver Bott) "Introduction to Semantics" (graduate seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Summer Term 2016 Winter Term 13/14, Summer Term 2013 & Winter Term 12/13 | <i>Primary Instructor</i> "Structure and Meaning" (undergraduate seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Summer Term 2010 | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Primary Instructor: Remus Gergel) "Linguistic Structures and Sociodynamic Processes" (undergraduate seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| July 22, 2008 – July 31, 2008 | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Primary Instructor: Elisabeth Villalta) "Syntax and Semantics" (compact undergraduate seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| Summer Term 2007 | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Primary Instructor: Sigrid Beck) "Syntax and Semantics" (undergraduate seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |

Thesis supervision

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| 2022 | Katherine Taub, M.A. thesis “A Unified Semantics of <i>such</i> .” |
| 2017 | Cosima Schneider, M.A. thesis “Processing Complexity of ‘than’-phrases in English.” |

Academic service

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| REVIEWING FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND EDITED VOLUMES | <i>Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Linguistics, Glossa, Lingua, Semantic Fieldwork Methods, Triple A Workshop Series, ESSLLI, MXPRAG 2015, Pronouns@Tübingen I 2013</i> |
| ORGANIZING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS | Steering Committee of the <i>TripleA-Workshops</i> series (<i>The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages</i>). Website: https://semantics-triplea.org/ Co-Organizer of the STECHOW session at <i>Sinn und Bedeutung 20</i> , September 2015, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| OTHER ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES | Organizer Ph.D. student colloquium 01/2015-10/2015 SFB 833, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| 3 RD PARTY FUNDING | Involvement in the renewal of the DFG-grant for the collaborative research center <i>SFB 833: The Construction of Meaning</i> 01/2017-04/2017 |
| SELECTION BOARD OF THE <i>STUDIENSTIFTUNG</i> | Serving on the election board of the German National Academic Foundation (<i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i>). Selection of new fellows through individual and group interviews March 2020 |
| PUBLIC OUTREACH | Panel discussion “Publish or Perish” February 13, 2014 Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen “Language and Climate Change” November 28, 2019 Talk with Sigrid Beck and Wanda Rothe @ “Fridays for Future” Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |
| WEBSITE MAINTENANCE | SFB 833, Project C1 & Chair of Descriptive and Theoretical Linguistics, 2005 – 2012 Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen |

Languages

Russian, German (native)
English (fluent)
French (advanced)
Tundra Nenets (fieldwork language)
Italian (basic)
Latin ("kleines Latinum")

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