

# Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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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.*  
 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 (USA)  
 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 (Canada)  
 Sponsor: Bernhard Schwarz
- 10/2007 – 04/2008 *Language Assistant for German*  
 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

## Dissertation

**Polina Berezovskaya** (2020): *Comparing Comparatives: New Perspectives from Fieldwork and Processing*. Tübingen: TOBIAS-lib Publikationssystem. <http://hdl.handle.net/10900/108468>

## Publications

- manuscript              together with Fabian Schlotterbeck  
“*Less*-Comparatives Must be less Ambiguous than *Exactly*-Differentials, at least in German”.
- to appear                “Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives: No Intervention Effects in Tundra Nenets?”. Proceedings of *TripleA 8*.
- 2023                      together with Sigrid Beck and Robin Hörnig  
“Turkish Correlatives in Monolingual Turkish and Bilingual Turkish-German Grammar”, Proceedings of *Tu+8*.
- 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.
- 2020                      together with Anna Howell  
“(No) Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives: Intervention Effects in Russian”, Proceedings of *FASL* 26, 1-19.
- 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*, Vol. 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.
- 2009 together with Sigrid Beck & Katja Pflugfelder  
"The Use of *Again* in 19<sup>th</sup> Century vs. Present Day English." *Syntax* 12:3, 193-214.

## Editing

- 2023 Liu, Peng, Erin, Sjøvall, Xue Sun, Polina Berezovskaya & Vera Hohaus (2023):  
*Proceedings of TripleA* 7.  
<https://publikationen.uni-tuebingen.de/xmlui/handle/10900/142681>
- 2016 Bade, Nadine, Polina Berezovskaya & Anthea Schöller (2016): *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 20.  
<https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/sub/index.php/sub/issue/view/7>

## Selected talks

- June 8, 2023 “Are there Intervention Effects in Tundra Nenets?”  
Talk at [TripleA 10](#), University of Potsdam
- March 4, 2023 With Sigrid Beck & Robin Hörnig: “Turkish Correlatives in Monolingual Turkish and Bilingual Turkish-German Grammar.”  
Talk at [Tu+8](#), Harvard University (USA)
- June 24, 2021 “About a Metalinguistic Degree Suffix in Tundra Nenets.”  
Online talk at [TripleA 8](#), 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."  
*6<sup>th</sup> 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."  
**Invited talk** at *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 (Russia)
- 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
- 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

01/2024 – 12/2025 Athene Grant for Women in Academia: scholarship for *Habilitation* project  
(EUR 10,000 from the German Excellence Initiative)  
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

04/2023 – 09/2023 Funding for a research assistant from the equal opportunities office  
("Mehr Zeit", Gleichstellungsmittel)  
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

06/2013 – 06/2016 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  
*Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium* (declined)

10/2007 – 04/2008 Funding for the assistance at schools in Lyon, France  
German Pedagogic Exchange Service (PAD)

## Teaching

Winter term 23/24 *Primary Instructor*  
Summer term 2023 "Fieldwork Methods in Semantics" (undergrad.+grad. seminar)  
English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Winter term 22/23 *Primary Instructor*  
Winter term 19/20 "Structural Differences btw. English and German" (undergrad.+grad. seminar)  
Summer term 2019 English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Winter term 20/21 *Primary Instructor* (with Doris Penka)  
"Advanced Research in Semantics" (research/grad. seminar)  
taught **online**  
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Summer term 2021 *Primary Instructor*  
Winter term 20/21 "Compositional Semantics I" (undergrad.+grad. seminar)

Summer term 2020	taught <b>online</b> 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" (undergrad.+grad. seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
Summer term 2023 Summer term 2020 (online) 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

## Supervision and mentoring

Since April 2023	Mentor in the Athene Mentoring Program, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
2023	Wanda Rothe, M.A. thesis “Indeterminate Pronouns in Ælfric’s Catholic Homilies (first series): A Corpus Study”
2023	Bayan Seh, M.A. thesis “Comparison Constructions in Palestinian Arabic”
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

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: <a href="https://semantics-triplea.org/">https://semantics-triplea.org/</a> 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 <sup>RD</sup> 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, October 2023
PUBLIC OUTREACH	Talk “Language, Multilingualism and Resilience” November 8, 2023 <a href="#">Science and Innovation Days</a> , University of Tübingen  “Language and Climate Change” November 28, 2019 Talk with Sigrid Beck and Wanda Rothe @ “Fridays for Future” Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  Panel discussion “Publish or Perish” February 13, 2014 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")