

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

- 2025 together with Fabian Schlotterbeck:
“*Less-Comparatives must be Less Ambiguous than Exactly-differentials, Experimental Data Shows*”. To appear in *Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 3*.
- 2024 together with Fabian Schlotterbeck & Sigrid Beck (2024): “Age Stratification in Collective Readings of Present Day English ‘every’-DPs”. In Fausto Carcassi, Tamar Johnson, Søren Brinck Knudstorp, Sabina Domínguez Parrado, Pablo Rivas Robledo & Giorgio Sbardolini (eds). *Proceedings of the 24th Amsterdam Colloquium*, 323-329.
- 2024 "Tundra Nenets: A Heritage Language in Its Own Land? Linguistic Identity and Language Loss" *Languages* 9, no. 11: 348. <https://www.mdpi.com/2226-471X/9/11/348>
- 2024 “Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives – Are there Intervention Effects in Tundra Nenets?” *Proceedings of TripleA 10*, 106-122.
- 2023 together with Sigrid Beck and Robin Hörnig
“Turkish Correlatives in Monolingual Turkish and Bilingual Turkish-German Grammar”, *Proceedings of Tu+8. (Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic)*, 30-43. _
- 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 19th 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 13, 2024 With Fabian Schlotterbeck: “Less-comparatives must be less Ambiguous than Exactly-Differentials, Experimental Data Shows”
Poster given at [ELM3](#), University of Pennsylvania (USA)
- 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 [Triple A 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.”
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."
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

04/2024 – 3/2025 Teaching Grant "Linguistic Fieldwork Methods – Promoting Critical Thinking in Research, Teaching and Society" (EUR 1,000 from the Academic Affairs Division)
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

Summer term 2024	<i>Primary Instructor</i> "Linguistic Fieldwork Methods – Varieties of English" (undergrad.+grad. seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
Winter term 23/24 Summer term 2023	<i>Primary Instructor</i> "Fieldwork Methods in Semantics" (undergrad.+grad. seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
Winter term 22/23 Winter term 19/20 Summer term 2019	<i>Primary Instructor</i> "Structural Differences btw. English and German" (undergrad.+grad. seminar) English Department, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
Winter term 20/21	<i>Primary Instructor</i> (with Doris Penka) "Advanced Research in Semantics" (research/grad. seminar) taught online Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
Summer term 2021 Winter term 20/21 Summer term 2020	<i>Primary Instructor</i> "Compositional Semantics I" (undergrad.+grad. seminar) taught online 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 2024 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 *Teaching Assistant* (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

2024 Sarah Piastowski, M.Ed. thesis
 "Teaching Quantifier Scope at School: Theoretical Foundations and their
 Implementation in the Classroom."

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 *such*"

2017 Cosima Schneider, M.A. thesis
 "Processing Complexity of 'than'-phrases in English"

Academic service

REVIEWING FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND EDITED VOLUMES *Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Linguistics, Glossa, Lingua, Semantic Fieldwork Methods, Triple A Workshop Series, ESLLI*

ORGANIZING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS Steering Committee of the *Triple A-Workshops* series (*The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages*). Website: <https://semantics-triplea.org/>

Co-Organizer of the STECHOW session at *Sinn und Bedeutung* 20, September 2015, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

OTHER ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES Organizer Ph.D. student colloquium
 01/2015-10/2015
 SFB 833, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

3RD PARTY FUNDING Involvement in the renewal of the DFG-grant for the collaborative research center *SFB 833: The Construction of Meaning*
 01/2017-04/2017

SELECTION BOARD OF THE *STUDIENSTIFTUNG* Serving on the election board of the German National Academic Foundation (*Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*). Selection of new fellows through individual and group interviews
 March 2020, October 2023

PUBLIC OUTREACH Talk “Language, Multilingualism and Resilience”, November 8, 2023.
[Science and Innovation Days](#), 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")

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