

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

DR. POLINA BEREZOVSKAYA (she,her)

Current 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 Stölterfoht, Tilman Berger
- 01/2016 – 05/2016 *Visiting Researcher*
Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (USA)
Sponsor: Seth Cable
- 2004 – 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 and manuscripts

- under review *A New Metalinguistic Suffix in Tundra Nenets: Hedging Discourse*, under review in *Semantics of Natural Languages*.
- in prep. *A Divide Among Presupposition Triggers: How ‘still’ differs from ‘again’ and ‘also’*, ms. University of Tübingen.
- 2025 together with Xue Sun: *Anything Goes? – A Questionnaire Study on Scope Ambiguities in Ukrainian*. In: *ConSOLE XXXIII*. Ed. by Federica Longo, Leonardo Russo Cardona, Tommaso Sgrizzi & Hadis Tamleh, 23-44. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.
- 2025 together with Fabian Schlotterbeck:
 “Less-Comparatives must be Less Ambiguous than *Exactly*-differentials, Experimental Data Shows”. *Proceedings of ELM 3*, 344-358.
<https://doi.org/10.3765/elm.3.5825>
- 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-Altaic 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 and posters

- October 15-16, 2026 “A Divide Between Again/Also and Still: Cross-Linguistic Evidence from Acceptability Judgments”, [Linguistic Evidence 2026](#), IDS Mannheim, Germany.
- September 25, 2026 “Semantic Fieldwork: Methodological Lessons from Tundra Nenets”, [11th International Conference on Samoyedic Languages and Cultures](#), online talk at the University of Helsinki, Finland.
- September 24, 2026 “How 'still' is different from 'again' and 'also': Experimental Evidence”, poster presentation, [XPrag.it](#), Genua, Italy.

- January 15, 2026 “Disentangling Assertion and Presupposition in the Common Ground: Cross-linguistic Evidence from Mono- and Bilingual Speakers”
Invited talk at the colloquium of the [SFB 1718](#), University of Tübingen.
- April 10, 2025 “Presupposition (In)Sensitivity in Monolingual Turkish and Bilingual Turkish-German Speakers: An Experimental Investigation”
Invited talk at Experimental Linguistics Talk at Utrecht University (“[elitu](#)”) [University of Utrecht](#), Netherlands
- April 9, 2025 “Tundra Nenets as a Heritage Language”
Invited talk in the Seminar “Introduction to Linguistics: Language and Mind” (Instructor: Natasha Korotkova)
[University College Utrecht](#), Netherlands
- March 4, 2025 “Scalarity beyond Degree Scales – The Case of the Metalinguistic Suffix *-rka* in Tundra Nenets”
Kick-off workshop of “[Scalarity at the Syntax-Semantics Interface \(SYSSI\)](#)”, University of Stuttgart, Germany
- December 20, 2024 With Fabian Schlotterbeck and Sigrid Beck: “Age stratification in collective readings of Present Day English ‘every’-DPs”.
Poster and lightning talk given at the [Amsterdam Colloquium 2024](#), University of Amsterdam
- 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 [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.”
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 <i>Habilitation</i> 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 (<i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i>)
January 11, 2013	Prize for Best Presentation at <i>ConSOLE XXI</i> , Universität Potsdam
11/2009 – 07/2012	Student Fellowship German National Academic Foundation (<i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i>), 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 (<i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i>)
July 2010	Scholarship for the academic exchange with McGill University <i>Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium</i> (declined)
10/2007 – 04/2008	Funding for the assistance at schools in Lyon, France German Pedagogic Exchange Service (PAD)

Supervision and mentoring

since April 2023	Mentor in the Athene Mentoring Program, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
2026	Alica-Joan Luippold, B.Ed. thesis "Teaching Scope Ambiguity at the Advanced Secondary Education Level: A Lesson Plan Proposal for the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Classroom." Won the bachelor prize 2026 of the <i>Magenau-Wacker foundation</i> .
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 <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, Languages</i>
ORGANIZING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	Steering Committee of the <i>TripleA</i> -Workshops 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</i> 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
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, 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)	Italian (basic)
English (fluent)	Latin ("kleines Latinum")
French (advanced)	
Tundra Nenets (fieldwork language)	