Annika Tjuka

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Education

2016 – 2019 **Master of Arts in Linguistics**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Final Grade: 1.2

2013 – 2016 **Bachelor of Arts in German Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Final Grade: 1.7

2012 – 2013 **Bachelor of Arts in Culture & Technology – Language and Communication**, Technische Universität Berlin.

Masters Thesis

Title *Body-part metaphors as a window to cognition: A cross-linguistic study of object and landscape terms*

Supervisors Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven and Dr. Kilu von Prince

Description I conducted the first systematic typological study of body-part metaphors in object and landscape terms. The study consisted of 53 pictures illustrating object and landscape parts which were based on 93 body-part metaphors. The analysis showed that some metaphors are far more consistent across languages than others. For example, 'leg of the chair/table' is present throughout the whole language sample. Grade: 1.3

Bachelors Thesis

Title *Emotionalisierung durch Texte – Eine kontrastive Untersuchung von Spendenaufrufen und Börsenbriefen mithilfe der Berlin Affective Word List Reloaded.*

Supervisors Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek and Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka

Description I investigated the frequency of words with high emotional values in two different corpora. In order to search for the words automatically, I collaborated with a software engineer and we created a tool which utilized the Natural Language Processing Kit in Python. Grade: 1.5

Work Experience

2019–Present	**Research Associate**. in the FAHMRRR project, funded by the European Research Council (ERC): An investigation of how humans process meaning in utterances, concentrating on focus alternatives. Currently, I conduct a study which investigates the recall of focus alternatives in Vietnamese. Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek
2017 – 2019	**Student research assistant**. in the MelaTAMP project, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG): A corpus-based research on TAM and polarity expressions in Oceanic languages of Melanesia. Principal investigators: Dr. Kilu von Prince, Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka
2016 – 2019	**Student research assistant**. in the FAHMRRR project, funded by the European Research Council (ERC): An investigation of how humans process meaning in utterances, concentrating on focus alternatives. Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek
2018	**Internship and student research assistant**. in the group "Modulation of Language Networks" at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences. Group head: Dr. Gesa Hartwigsen
2013 – 2016	**Assistant**, *WWF Germany*, Berlin, Department of Dialog Marketing .

Full-time, before I began my studies

2011 – 2012	**Junior Account Manager**, *McCann Berlin*.
2011	**Store Manager**, *BFN Berlin Fashion Network*.
2010	**Junior Account Manager**, *Wunderman GmbH*, Frankfurt a. M..
2008 – 2010	**Trainee for Marketing Communication**, *Wunderman GmbH*, Frankfurt a. M., Dual vocational training.

Administrative Service

2017 – 2018	Women's representative at the Institute of Romance Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Computer Skills

Scripting	R, MATLAB, Python, Bash Shell, Generic Mapping Tools
Mark-up	LaTeX, RStudio
Systems	Mac, Windows, Linux
Software	PRAAT, Presentation, Plone, ELAN, EXMARaLDA, MS Office

Experience in Psycholinguistic Methods

MRI	Operation and safety training of a 3 Tesla Siemens Tim Trio MRI scanner at the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience Berlin (CCNB), Freie Universität Berlin.
EEG	Data acquisition with a six 32-channel EEG cap (BrainAmp)
Behavioral	Independently conducted experiments

Languages

German	Native language
English	Intermediate (IELTS Score: 7.5)
Danish	Good passive knowledge
Vietnamese	Basic

Publications

2019

- Tjuka, Annika, Lena Weißmann, and Kilu von Prince (accepted). Tagging modality in Oceanic languages of Melanesia. In *Proceedings of 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop.* ACL Special Interest Group on Annotation.
- Tjuka, Annika, Lena Weißmann, and Kilu von Prince (2019). Habitual aspect as a property of text spans. In *Proceedings of 9th Language & Technology Conference.* Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland.

Posters

2019

- (accepted) August. *A cross-linguistic study of body-part metaphors and their cognitive basis.* 52th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Leipzig University, Germany.
- (accepted) July. *'The leg of the table' – Universal patterns of mapping body-part terms to object and landscape properties.* Concepts of Humans and Nature between Specificity and Universality. Johannes Gutenberg-Universitaet, Mainz, Germany.
- (accepted) July. *Shirts, scarves, or socks – Remembering focus alternatives in Vietnamese.* Summer Neurolinguistics School 2019. National Research University Higher School of Economics, Center for Language and Brain, Moskow, Russia.
- March. *The heel of the bread and the tongue of the sea - Body-part metaphors in object and landscape terms.* The Creative Power of Metaphor. Worcester College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Talks

2019

- (accepted) September. *Revealing cognitive patterns: A cross-linguistic study of body-part metaphors.* 13th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, Pavia, IT.
- (accepted) August. *Cross-linguistic patterns of body-part metaphors.* Metaphor Festival 2019 conference, Amsterdam, NL.
- (accepted) August. *Tagging modality in Oceanic languages of Melanesia.* The 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop, Florence, IT.
- May. *Habitual aspect as a property of text spans.* 9th Language & Technology Conference, Poznań, Poland.
- May. (invited speaker) *Finding patterns - How to discover part-whole relations in cross-linguistic data.* Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena, DE.
- March. (invited speaker) *The cognitive foundation of body-part metaphors.* Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL.

2018

- November. *The belly of the cabbage – Body-part metaphors as a window into the mind.* Colloquium Syntax and Semantic. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- October. *Elicitation in linguistic fieldwork – or how to capture a speaker's view of the world.* 3rd student conference "Research and teaching in student hands". Bochum, DE.
- August. *Can typological studies show us how the brain processes language?* 5th Linguistik Meetup Berlin-Potsdam. Potsdam, DE.
- July. (invited talk) *Including linguistic variation to understand the processing of language.* Universität des Saarlandes. Saarbrücken, DE.
- May. *Don't judge from the outside: A deeper look into the Vietnamese tense system.* 63rd Student Conference Linguistics (StuTS). Kiel, DE.
- April. *Time and perspective in a supposedly tenseless language.* 12th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics, Leiden, NL.

2017

- September. *Panda vs. Bank – Wörter als Auslöser von Emotionen.* 2nd Conference for student research, Berlin, DE.