

# Annika Tjuka

## Curriculum Vitae

Dolziger Straße 7

10247 Berlin

☎ (+49) 179 1305602

✉ annika.tjuka@gmail.com

📄 annikatjuka.github.io

### 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.  
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. Kilo 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

---

## Posters

- 2019 (accepted) 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, UK.

---

## Talks

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*. 3<sup>rd</sup> student conference "Research and teaching in student hands". Bochum, DE.
- August. *Can typological studies show us how the brain processes language?* 5<sup>th</sup> 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*. 63<sup>rd</sup> Student Conference Linguistics (StuTS). Kiel, DE.
- April. *Time and perspective in a supposedly tenseless language*. 12<sup>th</sup> T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics, Leiden, NL.

2017

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